



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, all shellfish growing areas classified as **CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED** and in the Cities of Quincy and Boston and the Towns of Winthrop, Weymouth, Hull, and Hingham have been **CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING** due to sanitary sewer overflows in the City of Boston and the Town of Braintree ending on December 19, 2023. As a result, the status of these areas has been changed to “**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**” effective as of December 21, 2023.

Therefore, the below defined **CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED** areas are closed to the harvest of shellfish. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined area is prohibited.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED**  
**STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**

“All areas in Boston Harbor west of a line drawn from Deer Island Point to Boston Light on Little Brewster Island to Point Allerton in Hull.”

On Wednesday, January 10, 2023 at sunrise, this area will revert to an open status unless further word is received from the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. McKiernan  
Director

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