

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Marine Fisheries

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Boards of Selectmen in Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury



Secretary
Ronald S. Amidon
Commissioner
Mary-Lee King
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the waters of Plymouth Harbor (CCB:42.0), in the Towns of Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury no longer meet the requirements for an open status due to the discharge of untreated sewage effluent entering Plymouth Harbor through a storm drain near #173 Water Street. The Division was notified the discharge occurred between approximately 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. on December 29, 2019.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the below-defined area has been placed in a "**CLOSED**" status to the taking of all shellfish, except for the adductor muscle of scallops, effective at 11:00 AM on December 30, 2019. 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.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01 (7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish as defined above from the below-defined area.

Work to maintain gear or shellfish aquaculture sites will be allowed provided the grower gives prior daily notice to the local shellfish department who will maintain a daily list. Removal of any shellfish (seed or market size) from the aquaculture sites for offsite culling is prohibited. Sale of seed shellfish from culture sites in these areas is prohibited.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH AS DEFINED ABOVE

Plymouth Harbor CCB:42.0

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Plymouth Harbor, east of a line drawn from Boundary Lane at the Kingston/Plymouth town line to the southern end of Goose Point in the Town of Duxbury and south of a line from Goose Point to the southwest tip of Saquish Point in the Town of Plymouth to the northern end of Long Point in the Town of Plymouth to the #12 buoy off Long Point and continuing westerly to Boundary Lane at the Kingston/Plymouth town line."

The status of this area will remain closed until such time as the Division has reexamined them and finds that they meet water quality standards.

Sincerely,

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