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January 23, 2024

Mark S. Ells
Town of Barnstable
Town Hall
367 Main Street
Hyannis, MA 02601

Dear Mr. Ells:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) have investigated an outbreak of Norovirus illness that may have been linked to oysters harvested from the Barnstable Harbor (CCB31) shellfish growing area in the Town of Barnstable. DPH and DMF have determined that the illnesses are not linked to a Norovirus threat associated with the shellfish growing area.

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries is **rescinding the January 22, 2024 precautionary closure** of the Barnstable Harbor (CCB31) shellfish growing area.

Therefore, under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined area will revert to its former sub-area statuses prior to the closure on January 22, 2024 effective sunrise on Wednesday January 24, 2024.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH

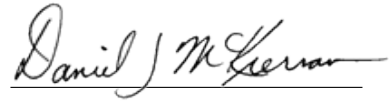
CCB31

Barnstable Harbor North

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Barnstable Harbor in the Town of Barnstable, westerly of a line drawn across the entrance of Barnstable Harbor from the Yarmouth/Barnstable Town Line at the mouth of Mill and Short Wharf Creeks to Beach Point at the eastern end of Sandy Neck; northerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Barnstable Inner Harbor and Maraspin Creek; northeasterly of a line drawn across the mouth of the Barnstable Marshes and Scorton Creek from Calves Pasture Point to the southeast tip of Sand Island; thence from the northernmost point of Sand Island to Slough Point, continuing northerly to the north side of the Scorton Creek on Sandy Neck."

Those sub-areas previously classified as “APPROVED” and “CONDITIONALLY APPROVED” and in the “Open to Shellfishing” status prior to the precautionary closure will revert to their previous status at sunrise subject to the previous status conditions. All conditions, management plans and MOU’s remain in effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan", written in black ink.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
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