



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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 closed shellfishing area N11.0 in the Town of Rockport this afternoon at approximately 11:30 a.m. upon learning of a sanitary sewer overflow from a pump station that occurred from 2:00 p.m. on January 26, 2023 to 8:30 p.m. on January 26, 2023. The pump station is partially operational, and engineers are working to get it fully restored. As a result, the status of this area has been changed to “CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING” for 21 days or until further notification is made by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Therefore, the below defined APPROVED classification area is closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption. 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: APPROVED**  
**STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**

### **N11.0 Rockport**

“The off-shore waters of the Town of Rockport excluding N11.1, N11.2, and N11.3”.

On Friday, February 17, 2023 at sunrise, this area will revert to an open status unless further word is received from the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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Daniel J. McKiernan  
Director

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