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Board of Selectmen Town Hall 34 Broadway Rockport, MA 01966

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 on January 28, 2023, upon learning of a sanitary sewer overflow from a pump station that occurred from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on January 27, 2023. 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.

<u>CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED</u> 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 Saturday, February 18, 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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Shellfish Constables of Rockport