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Honorable Coastal Select Boards and Mayors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish areas in the above listed towns/cities (shellfish growing areas N1-N28, GBH1-GBH6, MB1-MB14, CCB1-CCB51, OC1-OC10, SC1-SC64, NS1-4, NT1-NT14, V1-V36, E1-E14, MHB1- MHB5 and BB1-BB58), closed at sunset on January 28, 2022 due to heavy snowfall and high winds, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an “OPEN” status.

Therefore, under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of sunset on January 28, 2022, **effective at sunrise on Monday January 31, 2022.**

Those areas previously classified as “APPROVED” and in the “OPEN” status, prior to the January 28, 2022 shellfish closure, will revert to their previous status at sunrise on Monday January 31, 2022, and open to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52.

Similarly, those areas previously classified as “CONDITIONALLY APPROVED” or “CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED” and in the “OPEN” status prior to the January 28, 2022 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status at sunrise on Monday January 31, 2022 subject to the previous status conditions. All conditions, management plans and MOU’s remain in effect. Areas classified as “PROHIBITED” and “RESTRICTED” shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from the Salisbury-New Hampshire State Line south to the Rhode Island – Massachusetts State Line including areas N1-N28, GBH1-GBH6, MB1-MB14, CCB1-CCB51, OC1-OC10, SC1-SC64, NS1-4, NT1-NT14, V1-V36, E1-E14, MHB1- MHB5 and BB1-BB58.

All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Daniel J. McKiernan
Director

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Shellfish Constables of the areas listed above