



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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January 8, 2024

Ipswich Select Board  
Ipswich Town Hall  
25 Green Street  
Ipswich, MA 01938

Dear Ipswich Select Board:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has closed N5.1 "Fox and Treadwell Island Creeks" and N6.0 "Cranes Beach" in the Town of Ipswich this afternoon at approximately 12:45 p.m. upon learning of loss of treatment at the Ipswich treatment plant ending at 6:45 p.m.

Therefore, the below defined **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** and **APPROVED** classification areas are 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: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**  
**STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**

**N5.1 Fox and Treadwell Island Creeks**

"The waters, flats and tributaries of Fox and Treadwell Island Creeks in the Town of Ipswich, located south or inside a line drawn across the mouth of said creeks at the confluence with the Ipswich River, and north of the Argilla Road bridge."

**CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED**  
**STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**

**N6.0 Cranes Beach**

"The waters and flats of Cranes Beach in Ipswich east of a line drawn from the rocks at the foot of Steep Hill to the Spindle at Bass Rock, south and east of a line drawn from the Spindle at Bass Rock to the southern most point of Plum Island, south of a line drawn from the southern most point of Plum Island northeasterly to the State Territorial limit and west of a line drawn from the State Territorial limit to the southeastern most point of Castle Neck."

On Monday, January 29, 2024 at sunrise, these areas will revert to an open status unless further word is received from the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" and last name "McKiernan" clearly legible.

Daniel J. McKiernan  
Director

cc: P. Moran, C. Baker, MEP  
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