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February 20, 2026

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined a portion of the waters of Lewis Bay, Hyannis Yacht Club Mooring Area (SC28.8), in the Towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth, classified as “CONDITIONALLY APPROVED” and in the “Closed to Shellfishing” status since February 1, 2026, due to a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) discharge of untreated sewage. The Division has determined that the below defined area now meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to **"Open to Shellfishing" as of sunrise on February 21, 2026.**

The below defined area may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 52.

**STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH**

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

STATUS CHANGE

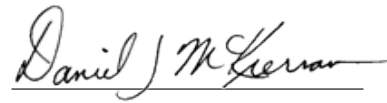
**Status: Open to Shellfishing**

**SC28.8**

**Hyannis Yacht Club Mooring Area**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Lewis Bay, in the Towns of Yarmouth and Barnstable, southwest of a line from a point on the shoreline at 41.64433°, -70.26719° to a point on the opposite shoreline at 41.63358°, -70.27224°, excluding the prohibited areas of SC28.9 and SC28.1”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director

MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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