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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 determined that a portion of the waters of Lewis Bay, Hyannis Yacht Club Mooring Area (SC28.8) in the Towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth, no longer meets the established criteria for a status of "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING", due to a sewage spill from a mechanical failure at a pump station located in Hyannis Inner Harbor. The status of the below-defined area shall be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**" effective immediately.

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Sections 74A, the status of the below-defined area shall be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**". 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 until further notice.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01 (7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the below defined area.

AREA CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH
Except for harvest of bay scallops for adductor muscle only

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

STATUS CHANGE

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

SC28.8

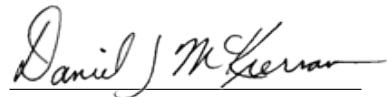
Hyannis Yacht Club Mooring Area

"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”

The preceding area (SC28.8) shall remain in the closed status for 21 days. The status will not automatically revert to open after 21 days, but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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