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February 3, 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 determined that the emergency closure extension issued for N6 "Cranes Beach", and a portion of N4 "Plum Island Sound" on January 17, 2024, due to the Town Wharf Pumphouse SSO in Ipswich, may be rescinded. These shellfish classification areas placed in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status due to the emergency closure shall revert to an "Open to Shellfishing" status effective as of sunrise Sunday February 4, 2024. **Growing area N5 remains closed due to the rainfall event of >2.0 inches on January 14, 2024, until the area can be retested as per the rainfall policy.**

Therefore, the below defined APPROVED AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVED areas 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.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

Status: Open to Shellfishing

N6 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."

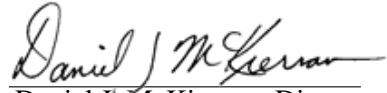
CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

Status: Open to Shellfishing

Portion of N4 Plum Island Sound

“The waters, flats and tributaries of Plum Island Sound in the Town of Ipswich, south of a line drawn from the foot of Quay Road near the Ipswich Bay Yacht Club (42.708488, -70.796875) northwest to the westernmost point of Ipswich Bluff (42.710355, -70.789126)”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
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