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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the emergency closure effective on January 14, 2024 for the growing areas in the Cities of Quincy and Boston and the Towns of Winthrop, Weymouth, Hull, and Hingham may be rescinded. Shellfish classification areas placed in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status due to the emergency closure shall revert to an "Open to Shellfishing for Depuration" status effective as of sunrise on Monday, February 5, 2024.

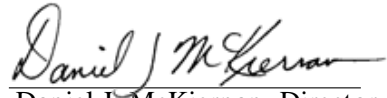
Therefore, under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, sections 74, 74A and 75, and 322 CMR sections 7.02 and 10.00, the areas listed below are open to the harvest of softshell clams (*Mya arenaria*) for depuration based on the classification of the growing area, the growing area Conditional Area Management Plan, and subject to scheduling of harvest activities by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Shellfish Purification Plant.

Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of all shellfish except for scallops harvested for the adductor muscles only.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED
Status: Open to Shellfishing for Depuration

"All Conditionally Restricted areas in GBH 1-3, GBH 5 and GBH 7-9 in Boston Harbor west of a line drawn from Deer Island Point to Boston Light on Little Brewster Island to Point Allerton in Hull."

Sincerely,



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