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The Honorable Mayor of Revere
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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the emergency closure effective on January 14, 2024 for growing areas in the City of Revere and Town of Saugus may be rescinded. Shellfish classification areas N26.1 "Lower Pines River and Center bar" and N26.4 "Seaplane Basin" 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

N26.1

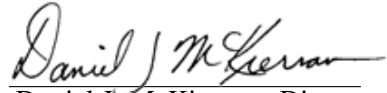
Lower Pines River and Center Bar

"The waters and flats of the Pines River in Revere and Saugus from an imaginary line drawn from the manmade spit in Saugus across the Pines River to Gibson Park in Revere to the Route 107 bridge over the Pines River."

N26.4
Seaplane Basin

“The waters and flats of that section of the upper reaches of the Pines River known as ‘Seaplane Basin’ situated east of US Route 1 and south of Town Line Brook in the City of Revere.”

Sincerely,



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