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Town of Marshfield Selectboard
Town Hall
Marshfield, MA 02050

Town of Scituate Selectboard
Town Hall
Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Marshfield and Scituate Selectboards:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the emergency closure issued for Scituate South Coastal (MB4), North River (MB5.1), and South River (MB6.1) on January 11, 2024, due to a Rockland sewer discharge event, may be rescinded.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" status as of 11:00 am Friday February 9, 2024.

Therefore, the below defined "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and "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: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

Status: Open to Shellfishing

MB5.1

North River East

"The waters and flats of that portion of the North River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, east of a line drawn across the North River at the Route 3A bridge, and west of a line drawn in a Southeasterly direction from the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.166870 N / -70.728832 W to the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.162305 N / -70.722909 W."

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

Status: Open to Shellfishing

MB6.1

South River East

"The waters and flats of that portion of the South River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, east of a line drawn in a southeasterly direction from the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.156999 N / -70.710420 W to the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.156156 N / -70.708655 W, and east of a line drawn in a southerly direction from the "No

Shellfishing" sign at 42.153028 N / -70.705524 W to the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.149576 N / -70.705038 W, excluding the prohibited area of MB6.0."

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

Status: Open to Shellfishing

MB4.0

Scituate South Coastal

"The waters and flats of that portion of Massachusetts Bay in the Town of Scituate, north of a line drawn due east from the Scituate/Marshfield Town Marker to the Plymouth County Line; south of a line drawn due east from the northernmost tip of First Cliff to the Plymouth County Line; easterly of a line drawn across the entrance of the New Inlet to the North and South Rivers; and westerly of the Plymouth County Line."

Sincerely,



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