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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 re-examined the waters of New Seabury Marina (SC19.1) and Ockway Bay Mooring Area (SC19.2) in the Towns of Mashpee and Barnstable, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "Open to Shellfishing" status based on NSSP marina and mooring area requirements. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the below defined areas no longer meet the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to **"Closed to Shellfishing" as of sunrise on April 1, 2025.**

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 areas.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

April 1 - October 31

All Dates Inclusive

SC19.1

New Seabury Marina

"The waters and flats of that portion of Popponesset Bay in the Town of Mashpee southerly of Popponesset Island Bridge and north of a line drawn from Chart Way (41.58584°, -70.46340°) to the northern most point of Water Way (41.58640°, -70.46452°)."

SC19.2

Ockway Bay Mooring Area

“The waters and flats of that portion of Popponesset Bay, in the Town of Mashpee, south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at #44 Little Neck Lane to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at #15 Harbor Ridge Road.”

The preceding “CONDITIONALLY APPROVED” areas shall remain in the closed status during the inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to “Open to Shellfishing” on November 1, 2025, 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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