



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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Town of Wareham Selectboard  
Town Hall  
Wareham, MA 02571

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 Middle River (BB35.5) in the Towns of Wareham and Marion, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "Open to Shellfishing" status based on seasonal water quality changes. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the below defined area no longer meets 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 area.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**

**SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE**

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

**April 1-November 30**

**All Dates inclusive**

**BB35.5**

**Middle River**

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of the Weweantic River, in the Towns of Marion and Wareham, north of a line drawn easterly from the orange panel at the stone jetty at the northern end of #53 Dexter Road in Marion (41.72782°, -70.73638°), to the orange panel at the end of Marks Cove Road in Wareham (41.73105°, -70.73490°), south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located 25' south of the base of the landing at River Road (41.73834°, 70.75230°), to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at #65 Rose Point Avenue (41.73914°, -70.75150°), and south of a line drawn northeasterly from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the eastern end of Gordon Street (41.74249°, -70.74876°), to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the northern end of #5 Sea Meadow Ln (41.74289°, -70.74511°), and excluding BB35.1."

The preceding CONDITIONALLY APPROVED area shall remain in the closed status during the inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to “Open to Shellfishing” on December 1, 2025 but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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