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The Honorable Mayor of Revere 281 Broadway City Hall Revere, MA 02151 Town of Saugus Selectboard 298 Central Street Town Hall Saugus, MA 01906

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below-defined shellfish classification area, N26.4 "Seaplane Basin" in the City of Revere and the Town of Saugus, shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to City of Revere sanitary sewer system flowing into surface waters from the area of Asti Ave and Tuscano Ave ending at 4:30 pm on March 29, 2024. As a result, the status of N26.4 "Seaplane Basin" is "Closed to Shellfishing" effective as of Friday, March 29, 2024.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR section 7.01 (7), the below defined "CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED" classification area is closed to the harvest of shellfish, except for scallops harvested for the adductor muscle only. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined area is prohibited, except for scallops harvested for the adductor muscle only.

CLASSIFICATION: "CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED"

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

Except for harvest of scallops for adductor muscle only

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."

This shellfish growing area shall remain in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status until April 22, 2024, at sunrise, at a minimum, and the status will not automatically revert to "Open to Shellfishing" until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status. Harvest within these Conditionally Restricted shellfish growing areas is subject to the limitations of its classification and Conditional Area Management Plan, and subject to scheduling of harvest activities by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Shellfish Purification Plant. Depuration harvest within these areas continues to be suspended due to critical infrastructure failure that has shut down depuration operations at the Shellfish Purification Plant.

Sincerely,

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