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April 18, 2026

Town of Wellfleet Selectboard  
Town Hall  
Wellfleet, MA 02667

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has considered the Town of Wellfleet's petition for an additional extension to the bay scallop season in Wellfleet Harbor and determined that a fishery extension would not adversely impact local bay scallop resources. Therefore, under authority of MGL Chapter 130, Section 73 **the bay scallop season in the Wellfleet Harbor (CCB11) shellfish growing area in the Town of Wellfleet shall be extended through April 30, 2026.** Permission is hereby granted to the Selectboard to permit the taking of bay scallops during the extended season.

No seed scallops, as defined in MGL Chapter 130, Section 70 and 322 CMR, Section 6.11, may be taken under any circumstances without permission of the Director of Marine Fisheries. Bay scallops landed during this extended season may be inspected by DMF Shellfish Program personnel and municipal shellfish control personnel to determine condition and legal size.

Sincerely,

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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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