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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 determined that the below-defined shellfish growing areas in the Cities of Quincy and Boston and the Towns of Winthrop, Weymouth, Hull and Hingham shall be closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to multiple sanitary sewer discharges in the Town of Braintree ending at 2:00 am on March 31, 2024. As a result, the status of the below-defined areas has been changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" effective as of March 31, 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 areas are 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 areas 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

“All Conditionally Restricted areas in GBH 1-3, GBH 5 and GBH 7-9 in Boston Harbor west of a line drawn from Deer Island Point to Boston Light on Little Brewster Island to Point Allerton in Hull.”

These shellfish growing areas 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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