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April 2, 2025

Board of Selectmen Town of Kingston Town Hall Kingston, MA 02364 Selectboard Town of Duxbury Town Hall Duxbury, MA 02332

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 Kingston Bay Center (CCB43.3), in the Towns of Kingston and Duxbury classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status based on seasonal water quality changes. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the area now meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to "Open to Shellfishing" as of 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Therefore, the below defined area may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to the terms of the "Memorandum of Understanding" signed by the Kingston Board of Selectmen, Duxbury Selectboard and the Division of Marine Fisheries on September 1, 2013 and subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 52.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE
Status: Open to Shellfishing, <0.30" Rainfall
April 2, 2025 to October 31, 2025
All Dates Inclusive

CCB43.3 Kingston Bay Center

"The waters, flats, and all tributaries of that portion of Kingston Bay in the Towns of Duxbury and Kingston northerly of a line drawn from Peck Street in the Town of Kingston to the stone pier at Howlands Landing in the Town of Duxbury and excluding area CCB43.6; easterly of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the beach at 56 Shore Road (The Gazebo) in the Town of Kingston to Cripple Rocks to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the beach at 5 Surfside West in the Town of Duxbury."

The status of the above "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" area Kingston Bay Center (CCB43.3) shall automatically revert to "Closed to Shellfishing" on November 1, 2025 unless the Division changes the area status prior to said date.

Sincerely,

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