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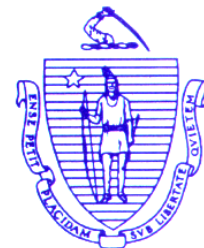
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Honorable Coastal Mayors and Selectboards of the in the City of New Bedford and the Towns of Westport, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Bourne and Falmouth

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, (MGL), the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that those areas listed below under the heading **STATUS : OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH** in the waters of Buzzard Bay in the City of New Bedford and the Towns of Westport, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Bourne and Falmouth (designated shellfish growing areas BB1 – BB12, BB14, BB16 – BB50) that were closed due to the impact of extremely heavy rain event on March 29-30, 2014 now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an “OPEN” status.

Under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of March 31, 2014; **effective at 7:00 am Saturday, April 5, 2014**. Those areas previously classified as APPROVED and in the “OPEN “ status to shellfish harvesting are now open to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52. Similarly, those areas classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED are open subject to the classification conditions. Areas classified as RESTRICTED, CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED and PROHIBITED remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

The waters, flats and all tributaries of Buzzards Bay designated shellfish growing areas (BB1- BB12, BB14, BB16- BB50) in the City of New Bedford and the Towns of Westport, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Bourne and Falmouth.

STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

The waters, flats and all tributaries of BB13 and BB15 will remain closed until further notice

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Sincerely,

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