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April 4, 2025

Town of Falmouth Selectboard
Town Hall
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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 re-examined the waters of Falmouth Inner Harbor (SC9) in the Town of Falmouth, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "Open to Shellfishing" status based on seasonal water quality changes and NSSP marina/mooring area criterion. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the below-defined area no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to **"Closed to Shellfishing" as of sunrise on April 7, 2025.**

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below defined area will be changed to **"Closed to Shellfishing"** to the taking of all shellfish. 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.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the below defined area.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: Closed to Shellfishing April 7th-November 30th

All Dates inclusive

SC9.0

Falmouth Inner Harbor

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Falmouth Inner Harbor in the Town of Falmouth, north of a line drawn across the mouth of the harbor."

The preceding "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" area shall remain in the closed status during the inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to Open to Shellfishing on December 1, 2025, but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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