



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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April 6, 2023

Town of Marshfield Selectboard  
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Town of Scituate Selectboard  
Town Hall  
Scituate, MA 02066

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 Scituate South Coastal (MB4.0), North River (MB5.1), and South River (MB6.1 and MB6.3), in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate which closed on March 15, 2023 due to a Rockland Wastewater Treatment Plant failure. The Division of Marine Fisheries determined that the areas can now be re-opened. As a result, the status of the areas has been changed to “OPEN TO SHELLFISHING” effective April 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

The below-defined areas may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 52.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**

**Status: Open to Shellfishing**

November 1 through May 31

**MB5.1**

**North River East**

“The waters and flats of that portion of the North River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, east of a line drawn across the North River at the Route 3A bridge, and west of a line drawn in a Southeasterly direction from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.16687° N / -70.72883° W to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.16231° N / -70.72291° W”

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**

**Status: Open to Shellfishing**

November 1 through May 31

**MB6.1**  
**South River East**

“The waters and flats of that portion of the South River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, east of a line drawn in a southeasterly direction from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15700° N / -70.71042° W to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15616° N / -70.70866° W, and east of a line drawn in a southerly direction from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15303° N / -70.70552° W to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.14958° N / -70.70504° W, excluding the Prohibited area of MB6.0”

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

**Status: Open to Shellfishing**

March 1 through May 31

**MB6.3**  
**South River West**

“The waters and flats of that portion of the South River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, south of a line drawn across the south river from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15700° N / -70.71042° W to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15569° N / -70.71311° W, and west of a line drawn in a southeasterly direction from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15700° N / -70.71042° W to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15616° N / 70.70866° W, and west of a line drawn in a southerly direction from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15303° N / -70.70553° W to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.14958° N / -70.70504° W”

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

**Status: Open to Shellfishing**

**MB4.0**  
**Scituate South Coastal**

“The waters and flats of that portion of Massachusetts Bay in the Town of Scituate, north of a line drawn due east from the Scituate/Marshfield Town Marker to the Plymouth County Line; south of a line drawn due east from the northernmost tip of First Cliff to the Plymouth County Line; easterly of a line drawn across the entrance of the New Inlet to the North and South Rivers; and westerly of the Plymouth County line”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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Daniel J. McKiernan, Director  
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

cc: P. Moran, C. Baker, OLE  
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