



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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The Honorable Selectboards and Mayor of the following Commonwealth of Massachusetts coastal municipalities: Westport, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Falmouth, Mashpee, Bourne, Gosnold, Tisbury, West Tisbury, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Plymouth, Kingston, Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate and Cohasset

Ladies & Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the shellfish growing areas BB1-BB58, E1-E14, SC1-SC16, V5-V11, MB1-MB10 and CCB38-CCB47 in the towns of Westport, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Falmouth, Mashpee, Bourne, Gosnold, Tisbury, West Tisbury, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Plymouth, Kingston, Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate, Cohasset and city of New Bedford, no longer meet the established criteria for a status of "Open to Shellfishing" due to heavy rainfall, and in some areas CSO and WWTP discharges of untreated/partially treated sewage, related to the storm event on May 22-23, 2025.

The status of BB1-BB58, E1-E14, SC1-SC16, V5-V11, MB1-MB10 and CCB38-CCB47 shall be changed to **"Closed to Shellfishing"** effective at 8:00 am on 5/23/2025 until further notification is made by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the areas identified below shall be changed to **"Closed to Shellfishing"** Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish, and the possession of shellfish from the below areas is prohibited until further notice.

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 areas listed below.

### **STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH AS LISTED BELOW**

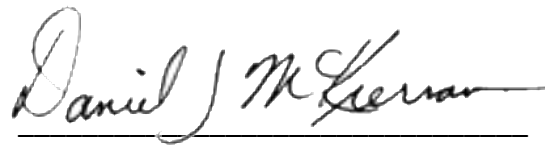
The waters, flats and all tributaries of the following Shellfish Growing Areas: BB1-BB58, E1-E14, SC1-SC16, V5-V11, MB1-MB10 and CCB38-CCB47 in the towns of Westport, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Falmouth,

Bourne, Mashpee, Gosnold, Tisbury, West Tisbury, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Plymouth, Kingston, Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate, Cohasset and the city of New Bedford.

Individual shellfish growing area definition boundaries are mapped on the Division's website at [Shellfish classification areas | Mass.gov](#).

These shellfish growing areas shall remain in the **"Closed to Shellfishing"** status until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have 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 horizontal line underneath the name.

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