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May 23, 2025

Town of Hingham Select Board
Town Hall
Hingham, MA 02043

The Honorable Mayor, Town of Weymouth
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 determined that the below-defined shellfish classification areas, Weir River and Hingham Harbor (GBH7) and Weymouth Back River (GBH8) in the towns of Hingham and Weymouth, shall be closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to an ongoing sanitary sewer overflow event in the town of Hingham. As a result, the status of GBH7 and GBH8 have been changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" effective as of 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 23, 2025.

Under authority of Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 75, the below defined areas are closed to the taking of all shellfish except scallops harvested for the adductor muscle only. All permits issued under authority of 322 CMR 7.01 and 7.02 are hereby conditioned in accordance with 322 CMR 7.01 (7) to prohibit digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession or sale of shellfish from the below defined areas.

CLASSIFICATION: "CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED"

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

Except for harvest of scallops for adductor muscle only

GBH7

Weir River and Hingham Harbor

"The waters, flats, and tributaries of Weir River and Hingham Bay in the towns of Hingham, Hull, and Weymouth east of a line drawn due south from the southernmost extremity of Slate Island to the house on 93 Kimball Beach Road, south of a line drawn from the westernmost terminus of Sunset Point in the town of Hull to the easternmost point of Slate Island."

GBH8

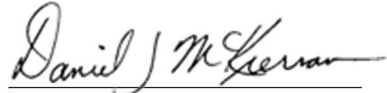
Weymouth Back River

"The waters, flats, and tributaries of Weymouth Back River in the towns of Weymouth and Hingham west of a line from the southernmost extremity of Slate Island due south to

the house on 93 Kimball Beach Road, south of a line drawn from the westernmost extremity of Slate Island to the southeasternmost extremity of Grape Island, and east of a line drawn from the southernmost extremity of Grape Island to the northernmost extremity of Lower Neck.”

Due to the ongoing status of this event, these shellfish growing areas shall remain in the “Closed to Shellfishing” status until further notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" and last name "McKiernan" clearly legible. It is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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