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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Mayor of Quincy
City Hall
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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 in the Weymouth Fore River (GBH9) in the Cities of Quincy and Weymouth, shall be closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to sanitary sewer overflow events in the Town of Braintree ending on May 23, 2025. As a result, the status of GBH9 has been changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" effective as of 1:00 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

GBH9.1

Wessaguesset Beach

"The intertidal waters and flats to extreme low water of Weymouth Fore River in the town of Weymouth, from the northern edge of the pier behind #1 Fore River Ave. to the northernmost extremity of Lower Neck Point."

GBH9.2

King's Cove

"The intertidal waters and flats to extreme low water of King's Cove in the Town of Weymouth, southeast of a line drawn from the easternmost extremity of the bulkhead near the MWRA Braintree-Weymouth pump station to the northern edge of the pier behind #1 Fore River Ave."

GBH9.4
Town River Bay

“The intertidal waters and flats to extreme low water of Town River Bay in the city of Quincy, situated between the westernmost extremity of Phillips Head on Germantown Point and the westernmost point of the house on #11 Riverbank Road.”

GBH9.5
Gull Point

“The intertidal waters and flats to extreme low water of the Weymouth Fore River and Rock Island Cove in the city of Quincy from the southernmost extremity of Germantown Point northward along the eastern shore of Germantown to the ramp at the foot of Lind Street.”

GBH9.7
Rock Island Cove – North

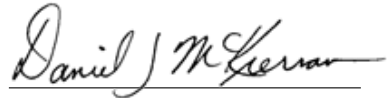
“The intertidal waters and flats to extreme low water of Rock Island Cove in the city of Quincy from the western edge of the pier behind #236 Rock Island Road south and west to the foot of Camden St, excluding GBH9.6.”

GBH9.8
Raccoon Island

“The intertidal waters and flats to extreme low water of the Weymouth Fore River in the city of Quincy from the southernmost point of the Quincy Yacht Club south to the western edge of the pier behind #236 Rock Island Road.”

These shellfish growing areas shall remain in the “Closed to Shellfishing” status until Friday, June 13, 2025, at sunrise, at a minimum, and the status will not automatically revert to “Open to Shellfishing” until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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