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

Dear Marshfield and Scituate Selectboards:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the shellfish areas listed below, in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, closed at 8:00 a.m. on May 23, 2025, due to heavy rain, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "Open to Shellfishing" status.

Therefore, under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure issued on May 23, 2025, or in the case of "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" areas, acquire the status dictated by its Conditional Area Management Plan criteria, and local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52, effective as of sunrise on Friday, May 30, 2025.

Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to permit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the areas listed below

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

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 excluding area MB4.1, and westerly of the Plymouth County Line."

MB8.0**Scituate North Coastal**

“The waters and flats of that portion of Scituate North Coastal north of a line drawn east out to three nautical miles from the Cedar Point Lighthouse and southeast of a line drawn northeast for three nautical miles from Strawberry Point and southwest of a line connecting the two points located three miles from shore, excluding MB8.1.”

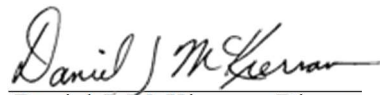
MB8.1**Northern Scituate North Coastal**

“The waters and flats and all tributaries of that portion of Scituate North Coastal southeast of a line drawn from Strawberry Point three nautical miles to the intersection of the MB8, MB9 and MB14 DSGAs and northwest of a line continuing southwesterly from the of the intersection of the DSGAs to #27 Glades Road.”

MB10.0**East Cohasset Harbor**

“The waters and flats and all tributaries of that portion of Cohasset Harbor, in the Town of Scituate, east of a line drawn approximately 300' east of the base of the breakwater on Bassing Beach to Jack Rock in the Town of Scituate and south of a line drawn easterly from Quarry Point in the Town of Cohasset to Strawberry Point in the Town of Scituate, excluding MB10.3 and MB10.4.”

Sincerely,



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