



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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The Honorable Mayor of Quincy  
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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 emergency closure issued for areas in the City of Quincy and the Towns of Hingham and Weymouth on May 23<sup>rd</sup> due to sanitary sewer overflow events in the Towns of Hingham and Braintree may be rescinded. Shellfish classification areas placed in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status due to the emergency closure shall revert to an "Open to Shellfishing" status effective as of Sunday, June 15, 2025.

Therefore, under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 74A and 75, and 322 CMR sections 7.02 and 10.00, the below-defined areas are open to the harvest of softshell clams (*Mya arenaria*) with depuration subject to the limitations of its classification and Conditional Area Management Plan, and subject to scheduling of harvest activities by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED**

**Status: Open to Shellfishing with Depuration  
Rainfall <0.50"**

**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.”

#### **GBH9.2**

##### **King’s Cove**

“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.”

#### **GBH9.4**

##### **Town River Bay**

“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.”

#### **GBH9.5**

##### **Gull Point**

“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.”

#### **GBH9.7**

##### **Rock Island Cove – North**

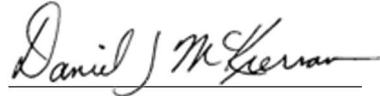
“The intertidal waters and flats to extreme low water of Rock Island Cove in the city of Quincy from the western edge of the pier behind #236 Rock Island Road south and west to the foot of Camden St, excluding GBH9.6.”

**GBH9.8**

**Racoon 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.”

Sincerely,



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