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June 16, 2026

The Honorable Mayor of Boston
City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

Town Manager, Winthrop
Town Hall
Winthrop, MA 02152

Dear Mayor Wu and Mr. Marino:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the emergency closure issued on June 5, 2026, for shellfish growing area North Boston Harbor (GBH5) in the City of Boston and Town of Winthrop, may be rescinded. This shellfish growing area shall revert to an "Open to Shellfishing for Depuration" status effective as of 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Therefore, under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, sections 74, 74A and 75, and 322 CMR sections 7.02 and 10.00, the below-defined area is open to the harvest of softshell clams (*Mya arenaria*) for 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.

Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of all shellfish except for scallops harvested for the adductor muscles only.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED

Status: Open to Shellfishing for Depuration

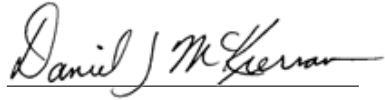
GBH5

North Boston Harbor

"The waters and flats north of a line drawn from the southern extremity of Deer Island to the southern extremity of Logan Airport at Governors Island in Boston."

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
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