



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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June 26, 2025

Town of Sandwich Selectboard  
Town Hall  
Sandwich, MA 02563

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that a portion of the shellfish growing area Sandwich Harbor (CCB37.8), in the Town of Sandwich, does not meet the established criteria for a status of "Open to Shellfishing", due to the relay of contaminated quahogs from the Taunton River to Mill Creek (permit #186976). The status of this area will be **"Closed to Shellfishing"** as of sunrise on **June 27, 2025**.

Therefore, the Division of Marine Fisheries will change the status of the below defined area to **"Closed to Shellfishing"** to prohibit the taking of shellfish until subsequent determination by this office reveals that the shellfish are safe for human consumption.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75, and 322 CMR 7.01(7), digging, harvesting, or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest, collect or the possession of shellfish from the below defined area is prohibited.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**

**Shellfish Transplant Closure**

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

**CCB37.8**  
**Mill Creek Relay Area**

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Mill Creek, in the Town of Sandwich, East of the Sandwich Boardwalk ramp and West of the Boardwalk Landing at the bend in Mill Creek."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Daniel J. McKiernan, Director  
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

cc: C. Mason, C. Baker, MEP  
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