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June 27, 2025

To the Select Board/Mayor of the following municipalities:

Plymouth, Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate, Cohasset, Hull and Boston

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that bivalve shellfish, with the exception of whole sea scallops, from areas MB1-MB14 defined below, do not contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP)) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards. Areas MB1-MB14 remain closed to the harvesting of all carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, the precautionary PSP closure issued on June 13, 2025, will be **rescinded immediately on June 27, 2025**, in the growing areas MB1-MB14. Shellfish in areas currently classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED shall revert to the status dictated by the Conditional Area Management Plan. Bivalve shellfish may now be harvested for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

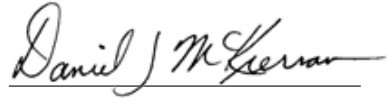
STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH

The below areas remain CLOSED to the harvesting of all carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops.

MB1-MB14

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas MB1, MB2, MB3, MB4, MB5, MB6, MB7, MB8, MB9, MB10, MB11, MB12, MB13, and MB14 in the towns of Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury and Plymouth, the City of Boston and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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