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June 27, 2026

The Mayor of Newburyport  
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Town of Salisbury Select Board  
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 Salisbury, MA 01952

The Mayor of Gloucester  
 City Hall  
 Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below-defined shellfish classification areas N2, N3, N6, N8, and N10 in the Cities of Newburyport and Gloucester and the Towns of Salisbury, Newbury, Ipswich and Rowley shall be closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to an ongoing sanitary sewer discharge in the City of Haverhill beginning at 9:00 p.m. on June 26, 2026. As a result, the status of N2, N3, N6, N8, and N10 have been changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" until further notice effective as of 8:30 p.m., Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 322 CMR section 7.01 (7), the below-defined classification areas are closed to the harvest of shellfish, except for sea scallops harvested for the adductor muscle only. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined area is prohibited.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED**

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

**Except for harvest of sea callops for adductor muscle only**

**N2  
 Merrimack River**

"The waters, flats and tributaries of the Merrimack River in the City of Newburyport and the Towns of Newbury and Salisbury."

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

**Except for harvest of sea callops for adductor muscle only**

**N3**

**Plum Island Sound**

“The eastern shoreline of Plum Island in the City of Newburyport and the Towns of Ipswich, Newbury and Rowley.”

**N8**

**Coffins Beach**

“The waters and flats of Coffins Beach in the City of Gloucester.”

**N10**

**Outer North Gloucester**

“The waters and flats of the North Gloucester coastline.”

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

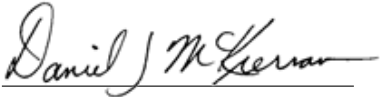
**Except for harvest of sea callops for adductor muscle only**

**N6**

**Cranes Beach**

“The waters and flats of Cranes Beach in the Town of Ipswich.”

Sincerely,

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

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director  
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

cc: J. Monaghan, J. Chapin, MEP  
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