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June 29, 2026

The Honorable Select Board and Mayor of the following Commonwealth of Massachusetts coastal municipalities: Gloucester, Newburyport, Essex, Ipswich, Newbury, Rockport, Rowley, and Salisbury.

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 N1 through N14 in the Cities of Newburyport and Gloucester and the Towns of Salisbury, Newbury, Ipswich, Rowley, Essex and Rockport 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 N1 through N14 shall be changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" until further notice effective as of 12:00 p.m., Monday, June 29, 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.

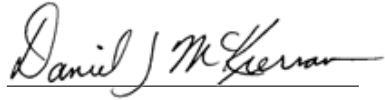
AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH

N1 through N14

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, and N14 in the Cities of Gloucester and Newburyport, and the Towns of Essex, Ipswich, Newbury, Rockport, Rowley, and Salisbury.

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 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

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