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Division of Marine Fisheries

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July 10, 2025

Town of Scituate Selectboard
Town Hall
Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Scituate Selectboard:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the shellfish growing areas MB8 and MB10 in the town of Scituate no longer meets the established criteria for a status of "Open to Shellfishing" due to heavy rainfall.

The status of MB8 and MB10 shall be changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" effective at 4:30 pm on July 10, 2025 until further notification is made by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Therefore, under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section, 74A, the status of the below-defined areas shall be changed to "Closed to Shellfishing." Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined areas is prohibited until further notice, except for scallops harvested for the adductor muscle only.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the below defined areas.

STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH
Except for Scallops harvested for adductor muscle only

MB10
Cohasset Harbor

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Cohasset Harbor in the Towns of Cohasset and Scituate, southerly of a line drawn across the mouth of the Outer Harbor from the northwestern-most point of Scituate Neck in the Town of Scituate to Quarry Point in the Town of Cohasset"

MB8

Scituate North Coastal

“The waters and flats of that portion of Massachusetts Bay in the Town of Scituate, north of a line drawn due east from the northernmost tip of First Cliff to the Plymouth County Line; southeasterly of a line drawn northeast from Strawberry Point to the Plymouth County Line; easterly of a line drawn across the entrance to Scituate Harbor; and westerly of the Plymouth County Line”

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

These shellfish growing areas shall remain in the “Closed to Shellfishing” status until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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