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Town of Duxbury Selectboard
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the shellfish growing areas Plymouth Harbor (CCB42) and Duxbury Bay (CCB45) in the Towns of Plymouth and Duxbury, closed at 8:00 a.m. on July 8, 2026 due to heavy rain, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "Open to Shellfishing" status.

Therefore, under the authority of MGL Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure issued on July 8, 2026, or in the case of CONDITIONALLY APPROVED areas, acquire the status dictated by its Conditional Area Management Plan criteria, and local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52, effective as of **1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2026.**

Areas classified as PROHIBITED shall remain closed to the harvest of all shellfish for direct human consumption.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH
Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

CCB45
Duxbury Bay

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Duxbury Bay in the Towns of Duxbury and Plymouth, northerly of a line drawn from Goose Point in the Town of Duxbury to Saquish Head in the Town of Plymouth; southerly of a line drawn across the mouths of the Bluefish River and Back River in the Town of Duxbury."

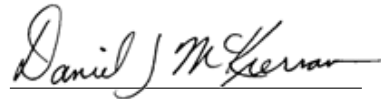
CCB42

Plymouth Harbor

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Plymouth Harbor in the Towns of Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury, westerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Plymouth Harbor from Long Point on Plymouth Beach to Saquish Head; southerly of a line drawn across Duxbury Bay from Saquish Head in the Town of Plymouth to Goose Point in the Town of Duxbury, and easterly of a line drawn from Goose Point in the Town of Duxbury to the Plymouth/Kingston Town Marker at Boundary Lane.”

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, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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