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July 10, 2026

The Honorable Selectboards and Mayor of the following Commonwealth of Massachusetts coastal municipalities: Gosnold, Falmouth, Mashpee, and Barnstable.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish growing areas SC1-20, in the towns of Gosnold, Falmouth, Mashpee, and Barnstable now meet the established criteria for a status of "Open to Shellfishing" after an emergency closure due to heavy rainfall and flooding related to the storm event on July 7, 2026.

Therefore, the areas identified below 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. This opening will be **effective at 3:00pm on July 10, 2026.**

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

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

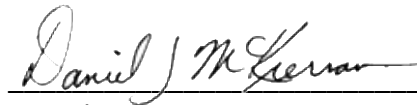
STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

The waters, flats and all tributaries of the following Shellfish Growing Areas: SC1-20, in the towns of Gosnold, Falmouth, Mashpee, and Barnstable.

Individual shellfish growing area definition boundaries are mapped on the Division's website at [Shellfish classification areas | Mass.gov](https://mass.gov/ShellfishClassificationAreas).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan", written in black ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
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