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The Honorable Mayor, Town of Braintree
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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 below-defined shellfish classification area, Weymouth Fore River (GBH9) in the City of Quincy and Towns of Weymouth, Braintree and Hull, shall be closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to sanitary sewer overflow events in the Town of Braintree ending on July 10, 2025. As a result, the status of GBH9 has been changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" effective as of 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2025.

Under authority of Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 75, the below defined area is closed to the taking of all shellfish except scallops harvested for the adductor muscle only. All permits issued under authority of 322 CMR 7.01 and 7.02 are hereby conditioned in accordance with 322 CMR 7.01 (7) to prohibit digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession or sale of shellfish from the below defined area.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

Except for harvest of scallops for adductor muscle only

GBH9

Weymouth Fore River

"The waters, flats, and all tributaries of the Weymouth Fore River in the town of Weymouth and the city of Quincy, west of a line drawn from the southernmost extremity of Grape Island to the northernmost extremity of Lower Neck, south of a line drawn from the westernmost extremity of Grape Island to southeasternmost extremity of Prince Head on Peddocks Island, and southeast of a line drawn from the

southwesternmost extremity of Peddocks Island to the northernmost extremity of Nut Island in Quincy.”

The preceding shellfish growing area shall remain in the “Closed to Shellfishing” status until Friday, August 1, 2025, at sunrise, at a minimum, and the status will not automatically revert to “Open to Shellfishing” until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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