

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries



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Town of Hingham Select Board Town Hall Hingham, MA 02043

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, all shellfish growing areas classified as CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED in the Cities of Boston, and Quincy and the Towns of Weymouth, Winthrop, Hull, and Hingham are "Closed to Shellfishing" due to excessive rainfall effective as of 9:00 a.m., Friday, July 11, 2025.

Under authority of Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 75, the below defined areas are 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 areas.

## CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED Status: Closed to Shellfishing Except for harvest of scallops for adductor muscle only

"All Conditionally Restricted areas in GBH 1-3, GBH 5 and GBH 7-9 in Boston Harbor west of a line drawn from Deer Island Point to Boston Light on Little Brewster Island to Point Allerton in Hull."

On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at sunrise, these areas will revert to an open status with the exception of GBH3.2 "Causeway" and GBH3.7 "Pleasure Bay", which will revert to an open status on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, unless prior notification by the Division indicates the closure must be extended. Harvest within these Conditionally Restricted shellfish growing areas is subject to the limitations of its classification, Conditional Area Management Plan, and predetermined harvest schedule.

Sincerely,

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