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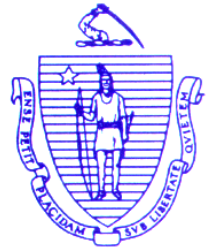
## **Division of Marine Fisheries**

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July 12, 2019

Selectboards of the following towns:  
Duxbury, Kingston and Plymouth

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the waters of Plymouth Bay (CCB42), Kingston Bay (CCB43), Duxbury Bay (CCB45), Bluefish River (CCB46) and Back River (CCB47) no longer meet the requirements for an open status due to unacceptable water quality resulting from an extremely heavy rain event on July 12, 2019.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, the below-defined areas have been placed in a “**CLOSED**” status to the taking of all Shellfish, except for the adductor muscle of sea scallops, effective at 8:00 AM on July 12, 2019. 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.

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

Work to maintain gear or shellfish aquaculture sites will be allowed provided the grower gives prior daily notice to the local shellfish department who will maintain a daily list. Removal of any shellfish (seed or market size) from the aquaculture sites for offsite culling is prohibited. Sale of seed shellfish from culture sites in these areas is prohibited.

### **STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH AS DEFINED ABOVE**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Plymouth Bay (CCB42), Kingston Bay (CCB43), Duxbury Bay (CCB45), Bluefish River (CCB46) and Back River (CCB47) within the Towns of Duxbury, Kingston and Plymouth.”

**The status of these areas will remain closed until such time as the Division has re-examined them and finds that they meet water quality standards.**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Pierce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

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David E. Pierce, Director

cc: P. Moran, DELE  
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