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July 14, 2026

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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 area Kingston Bay East (CCB43.1) in the Towns of Kingston and Duxbury, which closed at 8:00 a.m. on July 8, 2026 due to heavy rain, now meets 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 area will revert to its former status prior to the closure issued on July 8, 2026, or in the case of a CONDITIONALLY APPROVED area, 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 **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.**

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

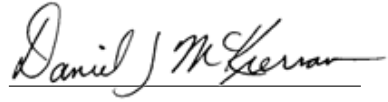
STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH
Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

CCB43.1
Kingston Bay East

"The waters, flats, and all tributaries of that portion of Kingston Bay in the Towns of Duxbury and Kingston easterly of a line drawn from the westernmost corner of the house at 42 Off Boundary Street in the Town of Kingston to the westernmost corner of the stone pier at Howlands Landing in the Town of Duxbury, and westerly of a line drawn from the Kingston/Plymouth town boundary at Boundary Street to the southern end of Goose Point in the Town of Duxbury."

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 black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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