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July 17, 2026

Town of Duxbury Selectboard
Town Hall
Duxbury, MA 02332

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, Back River (CCB47.0), in the Town of 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, under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52, effective as of 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026.

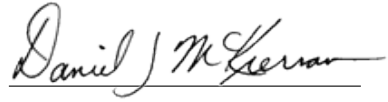
STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

CCB47.0
Back River

"The waters and flats thereto of the Back River in the Town of Duxbury, north of a line drawn along the Powder Point Bridge."

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

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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