



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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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 emergency closure issued for shellfish classification area, Weymouth Fore River (GBH9) in the City of Quincy and the Towns of Weymouth, Braintree, and Hull, due to sanitary sewer overflow events ending on July 10, 2025, may be rescinded. The shellfish classification area placed in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status due to the emergency closure shall revert to an "Open to Shellfishing" status effective as of sunrise on August 1, 2025.

Therefore, under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 74A and 75, and 322 CMR sections 7.01(7), 7.02 and 10.00, the below-defined area will be open to the harvest of softshell clams (*Mya arenaria*) with depuration subject to the limitations of its classification and Conditional Area Management Plan, and subject to scheduling of harvest activities by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED**

**Status: Open to Shellfishing with Depuration**

**Rainfall <0.50"**

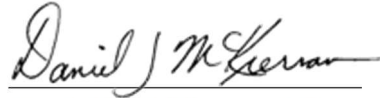
**GBH9**

**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.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director  
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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