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July 8, 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 areas CCB42 – CCB47 in the Towns of Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury, no longer meet the established criteria for a status of “Open to Shellfishing” due to heavy rainfall related to the storm event on July 7, 2026.

The status of CCB42 – CCB47 shall be changed to “Closed to Shellfishing” effective as of 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2026, until further notification is made by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the areas identified below shall be changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish, and the possession of shellfish from the below areas is prohibited until further notice.

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

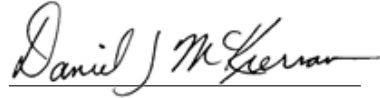
**STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH AS LISTED BELOW**

The waters, flats and all tributaries of the following Shellfish Growing Areas: CCB42-CCB47 in the Towns of Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury.

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

These shellfish growing areas shall remain in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

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