



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Marine Fisheries

(617) 626-1520 | www.mass.gov/marinefisheries



MAURA T. HEALEY
Governor

KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
Lt. Governor

REBECCA L. TEPPER
Secretary

THOMAS K. O'SHEA
Commissioner

DANIEL J. MCKIERNAN
Director

August 8, 2023

Mayor of Newburyport
Newburyport City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Board of Selectmen
Newbury Town Hall
25 High Rd
Newbury, MA 01951

Board of Selectmen
Rowley Town Hall
139 Main Street
Rowley, MA 01969

Board of Selectmen
Ipswich Town Hall
25 Green Street
Ipswich, MA 01938

Mayor of Gloucester
Gloucester City Hall
9 Dale Ave
Gloucester, MA 01930

Board of Selectmen
Rockport Town Hall
Broadway
Rockport, MA 01966

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below-defined shellfish areas in the Cities of Newburyport and Gloucester, and the Towns of Newbury, Rowley, Ipswich, and Rockport, no longer meet the requirements for an open status following a heavy rain event on August 8, 2023.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A, effective at 5:00 pm on August 8, 2023, the below-defined areas have been placed in a CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" status to the taking of all shellfish. 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 from the below-defined areas.

STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N3, N6, N8, N10, N11, N12, in the Cities of Gloucester and Newburyport, and the Towns of Ipswich, Newbury, Rockport, Rowley.

Sincerely,

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

Daniel J. McKiernan
Director

cc: P. Moran, MEP
R. Glenn, C. Petitpas, DMF
S. King, D. Boyer, K. Divris, DEP
FDA
DPH
Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns