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September 10, 2021

Honorable Coastal Select Boards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the following municipalities: Chatham, Eastham, Harwich, and Orleans.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries shall close the shellfish areas listed below from the affects of heavy rainfall which affected a portion of the Massachusetts coastal areas on **September 9th & 10th, 2021**.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below-defined areas will be changed to “**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**” and closed to the taking of all shellfish except conch and scallop adductor muscle **effective at 7 am on Friday, September 10, 2021**. 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 there under are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish as stated above from the areas listed below. After the rain event, holders of aquaculture licenses under the authority of Chapter 130, Section 57, MGL, may conduct necessary maintenance/retrieval of their equipment after notifying, and with the consent of, the local shellfish constable. No shellfish may be harvested during the closure or removed from the site for culling.

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“The waters, flats and all tributaries of the following areas, including areas, SC 37, 42, 44-64 and OC 2-6.”

Those areas shall remain closed until notification has been received from the Division that the areas have been placed into the open status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel J. McKiernan
Director

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Shellfish Constables of the areas listed above