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June 7, 2023

Town of Scituate Selectboard
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that portions of the shellfish growing areas in the North and South Rivers (MB5 and MB6), in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, no longer meet the established criteria for a status of "OPEN", due to the relay of contaminated quahogs from the Taunton River to the North and South River. The status of these areas will be "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**" as of sunrise on June 8, 2023.

Therefore, the Division of Marine Fisheries has changed the status of the below defined areas to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**" to prohibit the taking of shellfish until subsequent determination by this office reveals that the shellfish are safe for human consumption.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75, and 322 CMR 7.01(7), digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest, collect or the possession of shellfish from the below defined areas is prohibited.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SHELLFISH TRANSPLANT CLOSURE

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

MB5.10

North River Relay- Scituate

“That portion of the North River in the town of Scituate extending out 200 feet from the Northern shoreline between Damons Point and the no shellfishing sign at 42.16686°, - 70.72883°”

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
SHELLFISH TRANSPLANT CLOSURE
Status: Closed to Shellfishing

MB5.11
North River Relay- Marshfield

“That portion of the North River in the town of Marshfield extending out 200 feet from the Southern shoreline between Damons Point and the no shellfishing sign at 42.16300°, -70.72400°”

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
SHELLFISH TRANSPLANT CLOSURE
Status: Closed to Shellfishing

MB6.10
South River Relay-Scituate

“That portion of the South River in the town of Scituate extending out 300 feet from the Eastern shoreline between 42.15091°, -70.69915° and 42.14825°, -70.69792° and 42.14510°, -70.70033°”

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
SHELLFISH TRANSPLANT CLOSURE
Status: Closed to Shellfishing

MB6.11
South River Relay-Marshfield

“That portion of the South River in the town of Marshfield extending out 200 feet from the western shoreline between 42.15017°, -70.70182° and 42.14589°, -70.70350°”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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