



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

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November 7, 2023

Town of Marshfield Selectboard  
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has examined the quahogs transplanted from the Taunton River to the North River (MB5.10 and MB5.11). As a result of the examination, the Division has determined that these areas, closed by Marine Fisheries on June 8, 2023, meet the requirements for harvest and has changed the status of the areas to "Open to Shellfishing" as of sunrise on November 8, 2023.

The below defined areas may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 52.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**  
**SHELLFISH TRANSPLANT CLOSURE**  
**Status: Open 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: Open 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°”

Sincerely,



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