



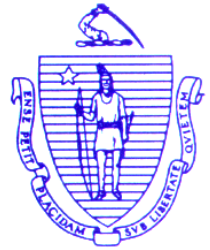
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below defined "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" shellfish growing areas, North River (MB5.1) and South River (MB6.1) in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to seasonal water quality changes. The status of these areas will be changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise on June 1, 2018.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, the status of the below defined areas has been changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" 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 are 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.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: Closed To Shellfishing

June 1 – October 31

[All Dates Inclusive]

MB5.1

North River - East

“The waters and flats of the North River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate east of a line drawn across the North River at Damon’s Point; southerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Herring River; southerly of a line drawn across the mouth of the stream which flows from the Rivermoor section of Scituate; easterly of a line drawn southerly across the mouth of Macomber’s Creek and northerly of a line drawn from the northernmost tip of Fourth Cliff to the south side of the entrance of Macomber Creek and easterly of a line drawn from the Rivermoor section of Scituate to the northern most tip of Fourth Cliff and northerly of a line drawn from the south side to the entrance of Macomber Creek to the northern most tip of Fourth Cliff.”

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CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: Closed To Shellfishing

June 1 – October 31

[All Dates Inclusive]

MB6.1

South River- North

“The Waters and flats of that portion of the South River in the towns of Marshfield and Scituate, west of a line drawn in a northerly direction from the eastern end of Grandview Ave. in Marshfield to the northern intersection of Atlantic Drive and Central Ave. in Scituate.”

The preceding conditionally approved areas shall remain in the closed status during the inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to open to shellfishing on November 1, 2018 but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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Director

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