



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

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Town of Marshfield Selectboard  
Town Hall  
Marshfield, MA 02025

Town of Scituate Selectboard  
Town Hall  
Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Marshfield and Scituate, selectboards:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined the waters of South River West (MB6.3) in the towns of Marshfield and Scituate, classified as “CONDITIONALLY APPROVED” and in the “Closed to Shellfishing” status based on seasonal water quality changes and NSSP wastewater treatment plant guidelines. As a result, of this examination, the Division has determined that the area now meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to “Open to Shellfishing” as of sunrise, on March 1, 2024.

Therefore, the below defined area/s 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**  
**SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE**

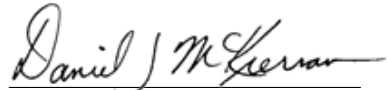
**Status: Open to Shellfishing**  
**March 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024**  
**All Dates Inclusive**

**MB6.3 South River West**

“The waters and flats of that portion of the South River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, south of a line drawn across the south river from the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.156999 N / -70.710420 W to the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.155692 N / -70.713106 W, and west of a line drawn in a southeasterly direction from the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.156999 N / -70.710420 W to the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.156156 N / -70.708655 W, and west of a line drawn in a southerly direction from the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.153028 N / -70.705524 W to the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.149576 N / -70.705038 W.”

The status of the above “CONDITIONALLY APPROVED” area South River West, shall automatically revert to “Closed to Shellfishing” on June 1, 2024, unless the Division changes the area status prior to said date.

Sincerely,



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