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March 6, 2024

Town of Mattapoisett Selectboard
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Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Town of Marion Selectboard
Town Hall
Marion, MA 02738

Ladies & Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined the waters of Aucoot Cove (BB31.0) in the Towns of Mattapoisett and Marion that were placed in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status due to a discharge at the Marion Wastewater Treatment Facility on Tuesday December 12, 2023. The Division has determined that the area now meets the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "Open to Shellfishing" status. The status will be changed as of sunrise on March 6, 2024.

As a result, the below-defined area 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 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) and will revert to its former status prior to the closure of December 15, 2023 effective at sunrise on March 6, 2024.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

Status: Open to Shellfishing

**BB31.0
Aucoot Cove**

"The waters and flats of Aucoot Cove in the Towns of Mattapoisett and Marion, north of a line drawn from Joes Point in the Town of Mattapoisett to Converse Point in the Town of Marion with the exception of BB31.1."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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