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April 30, 2024

Town of Marion Selectboard
Town Hall
Marion, MA 02738

Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below defined "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" shellfish growing area, Sippican Inner Harbor Mooring Area (BB32.13), in the Town of Marion, no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to seasonal water quality changes. The status of the area will be changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" as of sunrise on May 1, 2024.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below defined areas will be changed to "Closed to Shellfishing". 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 area.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

May 1 to October 31

All Dates Inclusive

BB32.13

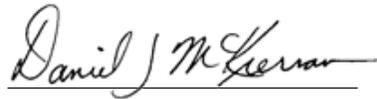
Sippican Inner Harbor Mooring Area

"The waters and flats and all tributaries of Sippican Harbor west of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on Black Point to #28 West Drive and thence from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the southern end of Allens Point and north of a line drawn from Allens Point to the northern most point on Little Island and thence to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at

#57 Water Street and east of a line drawn from the end of the dock at #57 Water Street to the end of the dock at #61 Water Street and south of a line drawn from the northeast corner of Old Landing Pier to the point of land opposite the northern most dock at Burr Brothers B.Y., excluding BB32.6 and BB32.9”

The preceding conditionally approved area shall remain in the closed status during the inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to open to shellfishing on November 1, 2024, but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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