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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, Southern Weweantic River (BB35.0), in the Towns of Wareham and 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 September 30

All Dates Inclusive

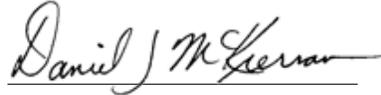
BB35.0

Southern Weweantic River

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of the Weweantic River, in the Towns of Marion and Wareham, northerly of a line drawn from the south side of the mouth to Great Swamp Brook in the Town of Marion to Cromeset Point in the Town of Wareham and south of a line drawn from the orange panel at the stone jetty at the northern end of #53 Dexter Road in Marion to the orange panel at the end of Marks Cove Road in Wareham.”

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

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
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