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Ladies & Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that a portion of Sippican Harbor, Hammett's Cove (BB32.01), and Sippican Inner Harbor Mooring Area (BB32.13) shellfish growing area in the town of Marion no longer meets the established criteria for a status of "Open to Shellfishing" due to a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) discharge of untreated sewage on February 19th, 2025. The status of the area defined below shall be changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" effective at 4:30pm on 2/21/2025 for 21 days or until further notification is made by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below-defined area shall 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 areas is prohibited until further notice.

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 areas listed below.

STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH

BB32.01 Hammett's Cove

"The waters and flats of that portion of Sippican Harbor east and north of a line drawn from Black Point to #28 West Drive and south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at #61 Oakdale Street to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the opposite shore."

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.”

Individual shellfish growing area definition boundaries are mapped on the Division’s website at Shellfish classification areas | [Shellfish classification areas | Mass.gov](#)

These shellfish growing areas shall remain in the “**Closed to Shellfishing**” status and will not automatically revert to “Open to Shellfishing” 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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