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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 the emergency closure initially issued on February 21, 2025, due to a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) discharge impacting portions of Sippican Harbor (BB32.13 and BB32.01) in the town of Marion, may be rescinded. Shellfish growing areas BB32.13 and BB32.01, placed in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status due to the emergency closure, shall revert to an "**Open to Shellfishing**" status, subject to Conditional Area Management Plan criteria where applicable.

Therefore, under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Section 74A the areas listed below will revert to their former status prior to the emergency closure, or in the case of **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** areas, acquire the status dictated by its Conditional Area Management Plan criteria, and local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52, **effective at 7:00AM on Friday, March 14, 2025.**

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to permit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the areas listed below.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH
Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

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](#)

Sincerely,



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