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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that a portion of the waters of the Weweantic River, Middle River (BB35.5), no longer meets the criteria for a "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" classification due to impaired water quality. Therefore, the definition and classification of this area will change. The PROHIBITED sub-area BB35.1 will be expanded and redefined effective at sunrise on June 26, 2025.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below redefined area (BB35.1) will remain "**Closed to Shellfishing**" to the taking of all shellfish. Digging, harvesting, or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined area is prohibited while in the "**Closed to Shellfishing**" status.

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 areas.

REDEFINITION/ RECLASSIFICATION
CLASSIFICATION: PROHIBITED
Status: Closed to Shellfishing

BB35.1
Beaver Dam Creek

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of the Weweantic River, in the Town of Wareham, north of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the end of Madison Street (41.73333°, -70.74006°) to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the Eastern shore (41.73303°, -70.73821°)."

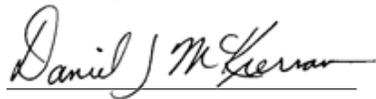
REDEFINITION
CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
Status: Closed to Shellfishing
May 1 – October 31
All Dates Inclusive

BB35.5
Middle River

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of the Weweantic River, in the Towns of Marion and Wareham, north of a line drawn easterly from the orange panel at the stone jetty at the northern end of #53 Dexter Road in Marion (41.72782°, -70.73638°), to the orange panel at the end of Marks Cove Road in Wareham (41.73105°, -70.73490°), south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located 25' south of the base of the landing at River Road (41.73834°, 70.75230°), to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at #65 Rose Point Avenue (41.73914°, -70.75150°), south of a line drawn northeasterly from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the eastern end of Gordon Street (41.74249°, -70.74876°), to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the northern end of #5 Sea Meadow Ln (41.74289°, -70.74511°), and south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the end of Madison Street (41.73333°, -70.74006°) to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the Eastern shore (41.73303°, -70.73821°).”

Middle River (BB35.5) “CONDITIONALLY APPROVED” area shall remain in the “**Closed to Shellfishing**” status during the inclusive dates, and the status will not automatically revert to “**Open to Shellfishing**” on November 1, 2025, but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status. Beaver Dam Creek (BB35.1), a “Prohibited” area shall remain in the “**Closed to Shellfishing**” status.

Sincerely,



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