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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined the waters of a portion of the Weweantic River (BB35.5) in the Towns of Marion and Wareham, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status based on seasonal water quality changes. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the below-defined area now meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to **"Open to Shellfishing" as of sunrise on December 1, 2025.**

The below-defined area may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: Open to Shellfishing

December 1- March 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°)."

The status of above CONDITIONALLY APPROVED area, BB35.5, shall automatically revert to "Closed to Shellfishing" on April 1, 2026, unless the Division changes the status prior to said date.

Sincerely,



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