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April 12, 2024

Town of Scituate Selectboard
Town Hall
Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Scituate Selectboard:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below-defined shellfish classification area, "Scituate South Coastal (MB4.0)" and a portion of "Scituate North Coastal (MB8.0)" in the Town of Scituate, shall be closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to multiple sewage overflows in the Town of Scituate ending at 5:22pm on April 6, 2024. As a result, the status of the below-defined areas has been changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" effective as of 11:30am April 12, 2024.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 322 CMR section 7.01 (7), the below defined APPROVED classification areas are closed to the harvest of shellfish, except for scallops harvested for the adductor muscle only. 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, except for scallops harvested for the adductor muscle only.

CLASSIFICATION: "APPROVED"

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

Except for harvest of scallops for adductor muscle only

MB4.0

Scituate South Coastal

"The waters and flats of that portion of Massachusetts Bay in the Town of Scituate, north of a line drawn due east from the Rivermoor section of Scituate (42.17377°N, 70.71425°W) to the Plymouth County Line; south of a line drawn due east from the northernmost tip of First Cliff to the Plymouth County Line; easterly of a line drawn across the entrance of the New Inlet to the North and South Rivers; and westerly of the Plymouth County Line."

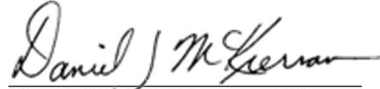
Portion of MB8.0

Scituate North Coastal South of Egypt Beach

“The waters and flats of that portion of Scituate North Coastal north of a line drawn due east out to three nautical miles from the Cedar Point Lighthouse and southeast of a line drawn northeast from the southernmost end of Egypt Beach (42.21992°N, 70.74480°W) to the state line.”

These shellfish growing areas shall remain in the “Closed to Shellfishing” status until April 28, 2024, at sunrise, at a minimum, and the status will not automatically revert to “Open to Shellfishing” until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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