



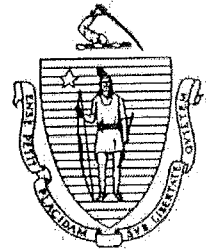
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined the waters in the North River (MB5.1) and South River (MB6.1) in the towns of Marshfield and Scituate classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "CLOSED" status based on seasonal water quality changes. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the below defined areas now meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise November 1, 2017.

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

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: Open To Shellfishing

November1- May31

[All Dates Inclusive]

MB5.1

North River - East

"The waters and flats of the North River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate east of a line drawn across the North River at Damon's Point; southerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Herring River; southerly of a line drawn across the mouth of the stream which flows from the Rivermoor section of Scituate; easterly of a line drawn southerly across the mouth of Macomber's Creek and northerly of a line drawn from the northernmost tip of Fourth Cliff to the south side of the entrance of Macomber Creek and easterly of a line drawn from the Rivermoor section of Scituate to the northern most tip of Fourth Cliff and northerly of a line drawn from the south side to the entrance of Macomber Creek to the northern most tip of Fourth Cliff."

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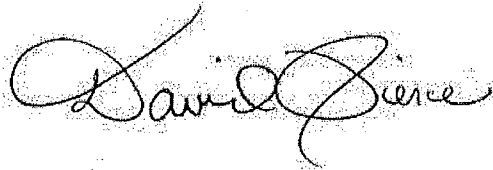
MB6.1

South River- North

“The Waters and flats of that portion of the South River in the towns of Marshfield and Scituate, west of a line drawn in a northerly direction from the eastern end of Grandview Ave. in Marshfield to the northern intersection of Atlantic Drive and Central Ave. in Scituate.”

The status of the above conditionally approved shellfish areas (MB5.1, and MB6.1) shall automatically revert to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" on June 1, 2018 unless the Division changes the status of this area prior to said date.

Sincerely,



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Director

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