

February 2, 2022

Board of Selectmen Town Hall Scituate, MA 02066 Board of Selectmen Town Hall Marshfield, MA 02050

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below defined shellfish growing area, Scituate South Coastal (MB:4), in the Towns of Scituate and Marshfield, no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to a diesel fuel spill from a sunken commercial vessel on February 1, 2022. The status of the below defined area will be changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise on February 2, 2022.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), the status of the below-defined area has been changed to **"CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING"**. 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.

## **CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

## MB:4.0 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 Scituate/Marshfield Town Marker 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"

Sincerely,

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