



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries



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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 "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" shellfish growing areas, North River (MB5.1) and South River (MB6.1 and MB6.3) in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, no longer meet the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to seasonal water quality changes. The status of these areas will be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**" as of sunrise on June 1, 2023.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below defined area has been changed to "**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.

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 area.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**  
**SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE**  
**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**  
**June 1 - October 31**  
**All Dates Inclusive**

**MB5.1**  
**North River - East**

"The waters and flats of that portion of the North River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, east of a line drawn across the North River at the Route 3A bridge, and west of a line drawn in a Southeasterly direction from the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.16687°, -70.72883° to the "No Shellfishing" sign at 42.16231°, -70.72291°"

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**  
**SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE**  
**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**  
**June 1 – October 31**  
**All Dates Inclusive**

**MB6.1**  
**South River East**

“The waters and flats of that portion of the South River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, east of a line drawn in a southeasterly direction from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15699°, -70.71042 to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15616°, -70.70866, and east of a line drawn in a southerly direction from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15303°, -70.70552° to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.14958°, -70.70504°, excluding the prohibited area of MB6.0”

The preceding conditionally approved areas shall remain in the closed status during the inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to open to shellfishing on November 1, 2023 but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**  
**SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE**  
**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**  
**June 1 – February 28**  
**All Dates Inclusive**

**MB6.3**  
**South River**

“MB6.3 South River West “The waters and flats of that portion of the South River in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, south of a line drawn across the south river from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15699°, -70.71042° to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15569°, -70.71310°, and west of a line drawn in a southeasterly direction from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15699°, -70.71042° to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15616°, -70.70866 °, and west of a line drawn in a southerly direction from the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.15303, -70.70552° to the “No Shellfishing” sign at 42.14958°, -70.70504°”

The preceding conditionally approved areas shall remain in the closed status during the inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to open to shellfishing on March 1, 2024 but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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