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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 the below defined shellfish growing area in the South River (MB6.1) in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status based on seasonal water quality changes and NSSP Mooring Area criteria. 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 November 1, 2023.

The below defined areas 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

November 1 – May 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 status of the above CONDITIONALLY APPROVED area, MB6.1, shall automatically revert to "Closed to Shellfishing" on June 1, 2024 unless the Division changes the area status prior to said date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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