

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# **Division of Marine Fisheries**

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the waters of the Town of Cohasset listed below no longer meet the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP). Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A the Division has reclassified these areas as **PROHIBITED**. The status of the below-defined area has been changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**". Therefore, 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, with the exception of the sea scallop adductor muscle.

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 areas.

### RECLASSIFICATION/REDEFINTION

CLASSIFICATION: PROHIBITED

Status: Closed to Shellfishing
(with the exception of sea scallop adductor muscles)

MB:9.0 Cohasset North Coastal

"The waters and flats of that portion of Massachusetts Bay in the Towns of Cohasset and Scituate, northerly of a line drawn northeasterly from Strawberry Point in the Town of Scituate to the County Line; southerly of a line drawn along the Cohasset/Hull Town Line to the County Line; northerly of a line drawn across the entrances to Cohasset Harbor and Little Harbor, and westerly of the Plymouth County Line."

The classification sub-area MB:9.1 is hereby absorbed into MB:9.0 and shall remain classified as PROHIBITED with a "Closed to Shellfishing" status.

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## MB:10.1 West Cohasset Harbor

"The waters, flats, and all tributaries of Cohasset Harbor west of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located approximately 300' east of the base of the breakwater on Bassing Beach to Jack Rock in the Town of Scituate and south of a line drawn easterly from Quarry Point in the Town of Cohasset to Strawberry Point in the Town of Scituate".

As a result of this redefinition the boundaries of the APPROVED area MB:10.0 will also be redefined as follows:

#### REDEFINTION

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED Status: Open to Shellfishing

MB:10.0 East Cohasset Harbor

"The waters, flats, and all tributaries of Cohasset Harbor east of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located approximately 300' east of the base of the breakwater on Bassing Beach to Jack Rock in the Town of Scituate; south of a line drawn easterly from Quarry Point in the Town of Cohasset to Strawberry Point in the Town of Scituate and north of a line drawn east from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the western shore of Briggs Harbor to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the eastern shore of Briggs Harbor".

The remaining sub-area in Cohasset Harbor, MB:10.3 (Briggs Harbor), shall remain classified as PROHIBITED with a "Closed to Shellfishing" status.

Sincerely,

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