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April 27, 2024

Town of Scituate Selectboard Town Hall Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Scituate Selectboard:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the emergency closure issued in "Scituate South Coastal (MB4.0)" and a portion of "Scituate North Coastal (MB8.0)" in the Town of Scituate due to multiple sewage overflows on April 6th, 2024 may be rescinded. Shellfish classification areas placed in the "Closed to Shellfishing" status due to the emergency closure shall revert to an "Open to Shellfishing" status effective as of sunrise Sunday April 28, 2024.

Therefore, the below defined "APPROVED" 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: APPROVED Status: Open to Shellfishing

MB4.0 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 Rivermoor section of Scituate (42.17377°N, 70.71425°W) 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."

Portion of MB8.0 Scituate North Coastal South of Egypt Beach

"The waters and flats of that portion of Scituate North Coastal north of a line drawn due east out to three nautical miles from the Cedar Point Lighthouse and southeast of a line drawn northeast from the southernmost end of Egypt Beach (42.21992°N, 70.74480°W) to the state line."

SOUTH COAST FIELD STATION 836 S. Rodney French Blvd New Bedford, MA 02744 CAT COVE MARINE LABORATORY 92 Fort Avenue Salem, MA 01970 NORTH SHORE FIELD STATION 30 Emerson Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930

Sincerely,

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