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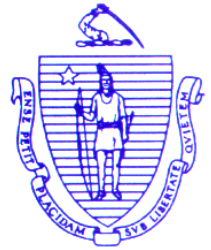
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March 8, 2018

Honorable Coastal Mayors and Select Boards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, MGL, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish areas in the above listed towns/cities (designated shellfish growing areas(BB1-BB58, V1 – V36, SC1 – SC64, OC1 – OC10, E1-E14, CCB1 – CCB34, CCB48-CCB51, NT1, NT7-NT14, NS1-NS4, MHB1-MHB5) closed on March 1, 2018 due to a coastal storm, will meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an “OPEN” status.

Therefore under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of March 1, 2018 **effective at sunrise on Friday March 9, 2018.**

Those areas previously classified as “APPROVED” and in the “OPEN” status prior to the March 1, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on March 9, 2018 and open to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52.

Similarly, those areas previously classified as “CONDITIONALLY APPROVED” and in the “OPEN” status prior to the March 1, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on March 9, 2018 subject to the previous status conditions. Areas classified as “PROHIBITED” and “RESTRICTED” shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

### **STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Massachusetts within the following DSGA’s BB1-BB58, V1 – V36, E1-E14, SC1 – SC64, OC1 – OC10, NS1-NS4, CCB1 – CCB34, CCB48-CCB51, NT1, NT7-NT14 and MHB1-MHB5).

### **STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Massachusetts within the following DSGA’s (NT2-NT6, CCB35-CCB47, N1-N14, GBH1-GBH5 and MB1 to MB11), will remain closed until further notice is received from Div. of Marine Fisheries.

OVER

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David E. Pierce". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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