



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Ladies & 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 area in Mattapoisett Harbor (BB25.12) no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to seasonal water quality changes. The status of this area will be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**" as of sunrise on June 1, 2022.

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 – December 31**

**[All Dates Inclusive]**

#### **BB25.12 Shining Tides**

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of Mattapoisett Harbor west of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the end of Reservation Road to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at #3 Port Way and east of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the northern mouth of the Mattapoisett River to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the northeastern end of Ryecroft Point."

The preceding conditionally approved area, BB25.12, shall remain in the closed status during the above inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to open to shellfishing on January 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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