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Ladies & Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has been notified by the New Bedford Shellfish constable that a malfunction occurred at the New Bedford WWTP. Therefore, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that Clark's Cove (BB:13), New Bedford East Coastal (BB:14) and New Bedford Outer Harbor (BB:15), in the Town of Fairhaven and the City of New Bedford, no longer meet the established criteria for a status of "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" due to a discharge of partially treated wastewater. The status of the below defined areas shall be changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" as of 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2019.

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below defined areas shall be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**". Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined areas is prohibited until further notice.

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.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED AND APPROVED STATUS CHANGE Status: Closed To Shellfishing

BB:13 CLARK COVE

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Clark Cove in the Town of Dartmouth and the City of New Bedford, northwesterly of a line drawn from Ricketsons Point in the Town of Dartmouth to Clark Point in the City of New Bedford."

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BB:14 NEW BEDFORD EAST COAST

"The waters and flats of that portion of Buzzards Bay in the Towns of Dartmouth and Fairhaven and the City of New Bedford, east of a line drawn due south from Clark Point in the City of New Bedford to the Dukes/Bristol County Line; west of a line drawn due south from Wilbur Point in the Town of Fairhaven to the Dukes/Bristol County Line; northerly of the Dukes/Bristol County Line; southerly of a line drawn across of the New Bedford/Fairhaven Outer Harbor from Clark Point in the City of New Bedford to Wilbur Point in the Town of Fairhaven."

BB:15 NEW BEDFORD/FAIRHAVEN HARBOR

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of the New Bedford- Fairhaven Inner and Outer Harbors and the Acushnet River in the Towns of Acushnet and Fairhaven and the City of New Bedford, northerly of a line drawn across the entrance of the Outer Harbor from Clark Point in the City of New Bedford to Wilbur Point in the Town of Fairhaven."

These areas will remain closed until further notice is received from Div. of Marine Fisheries.

Sincerely,

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