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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below-defined area the Cape Cod Canal (BB:45.0), in the Towns of Sandwich and Bourne, no longer meets the National Shellfish Sanitation Program criteria for the harvest of shellfish.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the classification of the below-defined area has been changed to **"PROHIBITED"** with a status of **"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 area is prohibited. **The reclassification shall be effective at sunrise on August 18, 2018.**

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.

RECLASSIFICATION AND STATUS CHANGE

CLASSIFICATION: PROHIBITED

Status: Closed To Shellfishing

BB:45.0 Cape Cod Canal

"The waters and flats of the Cape Cod Canal in the Towns of Bourne and Sandwich, easterly of a line from the southeast tip of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Pier to the Cape Cod Canal Aid to Navigation Light #18 at the end of Jefferson Road in the Town of Bourne; and westerly of a line drawn from the end of the Sandwich Breakwater to the end of the Scusset Beach Breakwater in the Town of Bourne."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Pierce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Pierce" clearly distinguishable.

David E. Pierce,
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