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Ipswich Select Board
Ipswich Town Hall
25 Green Street
Ipswich, MA 01938

Dear Ipswich Select Board:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below defined “CONDITIONALLY APPROVED” shellfish classification areas, N5.0 “Ipswich River,” N5.1 “Fox and Treadwell Island Creeks,” N5.3 “Neck Cove,” N5.4 “Neck Creek,” and N5.6 “Labor-in-Vain Creek” in the town of Ipswich, no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish effective as of sunrise Monday May 1, 2023.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, the status of the below defined areas have 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 areas 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 areas.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING
May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023
[ALL DATES INCLUSIVE]

N5.0 Ipswich River

“The waters and flats of the Ipswich River, west of a line drawn from the southernmost point on Little Neck in the Town of Ipswich to the northwestern-most point of Steep Hill Beach on Cranes Neck in Ipswich and east of a line drawn from the northernmost point on Nichols Field, so-called, due north to the opposite shore of the Ipswich River.”

N5.1 Fox and Treadwell Island Creeks

“The waters, flats and tributaries of Fox and Treadwell Island Creeks in the Town of Ipswich, located south or inside a line drawn across the mouth of said creeks at the confluence with the Ipswich River, and north of the Argilla Road bridge.”

N5.3 Neck Cove

“The waters and flats of Neck Cove west of a line drawn between two red/orange markers at the head of the cove, and east of a line drawn from the end of Hilltop Road to the end of Ironsides Way on Plover Hill.”

N5.4 Neck Creek

“The waters and flats of Neck Creek in the Town of Ipswich south of a line drawn between two red/orange markers located approximately midway between the creek mouth and Little Neck Road.”

N5.6 Labor-in-Vain Creek

“The waters, flats, and tributaries of Labor-in-Vain Creek in the Town of Ipswich.”

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



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