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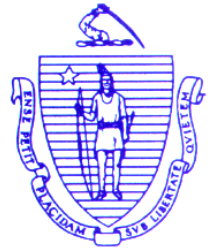*Acting Director*

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined the waters of Nasketucket Bay, Bella Vista Cove Area (BB:18.5) in the Town of Fairhaven, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "CLOSED" status based on seasonal water quality changes. As a result of this examination the Division has determined that this below-defined area now meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to **"OPEN TO SHELLFISHING"** as of sunrise on March 4, 2020.

The below-defined area may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 52.

<u>CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED</u>
SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE
Status: Open to Shellfishing
March 4 – January 31
[Dates Inclusive]

BB:18.5
Bella Vista Cove Area

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of Nasketucket Bay in the Town of Fairhaven, northeast of a line drawn in a southwesterly direction from the southernmost tip of Bella Vista Island to the western end of Cherrystone Road on West Island."

The status of the above CONDITIONALLY APPROVED area, BB:18.5, shall automatically revert to **"CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING"** on February 1, 2021 unless the Division changes the area status prior to said date.

Sincerely,

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