

HOUSE No. 839

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick Joseph Kearney

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to recreational shell fishing areas.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/5/2023</i>

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By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 839) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to recreational shell fishing areas. Environment and Natural Resources.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE [Refile Branch], NO. OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to recreational shell fishing areas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 46 after the definition of “Recreational
3 saltwater fishing” the following definition:- “Recreational shell fishing area”, an area designated
4 for the non-commercial taking or attempted taking of shellfish for personal or family use;
5 provided, however, that the shellfish are not sold, traded or bartered.

6 SECTION 12. Said chapter 130 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 20A
7 the following section:- Section 20B. Cities and towns shall have exclusive jurisdiction of
8 recreational shell fishing areas, including but not limited to safety, monitoring and testing
9 standards for shellfish.