

HOUSE No.

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>7/2/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>7/15/2021</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/15/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>7/19/2021</i>

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By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and others relative to recreational shell fishing areas. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Recreational saltwater
3 fishing” the following definition:- “Recreational shell fishing area”, an area designated for the
4 non-commercial taking or attempted taking of shellfish for personal or family use; provided,
5 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,

9 monitoring and testing standards for shellfish.