



# City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

August 18, 2022

The Honorable City Council  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Fisheries at a Meeting held on Tuesday, August 09, 2022, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Fisheries meet with the Division of Marine Fisheries Director Daniel J. McKiernan, Biologist Matt Camisa, the Department of Infrastructure Commissioner Jamie Ponte and the Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Facility, for the purpose of discussing the Clark's Cove shellfish areas that have been closed to commercial fishermen; and further requesting, information on the action already taken by the City to deal with the CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) requested by the State's Department of Marine Fisheries so these shellfish areas can be reopened and what action still needs to be taken so that our commercial fishermen can go back to work immediately with the thousands of pounds of shellfish that line Clark's Cove. (To be Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.) (Ref'd 06/09/2022)

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Burgo, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council ask the Administration to petition the States Division of Marine Fisheries to consider allowing the transfer of contaminated shellfish to clean water areas. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES

Councillor Maria E. Giesta, Chairperson

MEG: dmb