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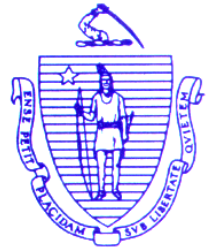
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March 8, 2018

Mayor of the City of Gloucester and Select Boards of the Towns of Essex, Ipswich, Newbury and Rowley

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish areas in the above listed city and towns, designated shellfish growing areas (DSGA's) N4, N7, and N9, closed on March 1, 2018 due to a coastal storm, will meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "OPEN" status.

Therefore under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of March 1, 2018 **effective at sunrise on Friday March 9, 2018.**

Those areas previously classified as "APPROVED" and in the "OPEN" status prior to the March 1, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on March 9, 2018 and open to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52.

Similarly, those areas previously classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "OPEN" status prior to the March 1, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on March 9, 2018 subject to the previous status conditions. Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" and "CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED" shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of the City of Gloucester and the Towns of Essex, Ipswich, Newbury and Rowley within the following DSGA's N4, N7, and N9."

STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH AS DEFINED BELOW

Except for the consumption of the adductor muscle of Bay and Sea Scallops Only

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of DSGA's N1-N3, N5, N6, N8, N10-N14, will remain closed until further notice is received from Division of Marine Fisheries."

OVER

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David E. Pierce". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

David E. Pierce,
Director

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