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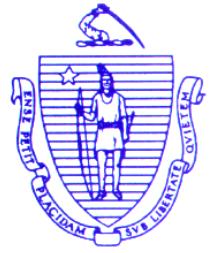
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has closed the shellfish growing area N7 Essex Bay in the City of Gloucester and the Towns of Essex and Ipswich due to the bypass of sewage effective at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2018. As a result, the status of the below defined area has been changed to “**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING.**”

Therefore, the below defined area shall be closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption until further notice. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined areas are prohibited.

STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING

N7 Essex Bay

“The waters, flats and tributaries of Essex Bay in the Towns of Ipswich and Essex and the City of Gloucester, inside and south and west of a line drawn across the Essex Bay inlet from the southern most point of Crane Beach in the Town of Ipswich easterly to the northern most point of Two Penny Loaf in Gloucester.”

The preceding area shall remain in the closed status until examined by the Division and notification is made that this area has been placed in the open status.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David E. Pierce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Pierce" clearly legible.

David E. Pierce
Director

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