

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

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Board of Selectmen Town Hall Nantucket, MA 02554

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that bivalve molluscan shellfish and carnivorous snails from the below-defined areas contain Paralytic Shellfish Poison toxin (also known as "Red Tide") from the dinoflagellate <u>Alexandrium (spp.)</u> in excess of the established standards.

Under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the below-defined areas are closed to the harvest of all shellfish, and carnivorous snails, with the exception of the adductor muscle of the sea scallop, until subsequent examination shows that these shellfish are safe for human consumption (crustaceans such as lobsters and crabs are not included in this closure).

The below-defined areas are **CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH AND CARNIVOROUS SNAILS** (with the above-noted exceptions for sea scallops, crabs and lobsters). Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish including whole sea scallops or roe-on sea scallops or carnivorous snails and the possession of shellfish or carnivorous snails, except sea scallop adductor muscles, from the below-defined areas is prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the below defined areas.

AREA CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH AND

CARNIVOROUS SNAILS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SEA SCALLOP ADDUCTOR

MUSCLES, LOBSTERS AND CRABS)

Town of Nantucket NT1-NT14

The waters, flats and all tributaries thereto within the Town of Nantucket

Sincerely,	
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Director	

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