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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 Alexandrium (spp.) 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)**

Edgartown East Coastal  
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“The waters and flats of Muskeget Channel and those portions of Nantucket Sound and the Atlantic Ocean bordering the Town of Edgartown east of a line drawn from the Cape Poge Lighthouse due north to the Edgartown Town Line; and, east of a line drawn from Wasque Point due south to the Commonwealth Territorial Boundary; and, north of a line of a line drawn along the Commonwealth Territorial Boundary; and, south of a line drawn along the Dukes County Line; and, west of a line drawn along the Edgartown/Nantucket Town Line.”

Edgartown South Coastal  
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“The waters and flats of that portion of the Atlantic Ocean bordering the Town of Edgartown, west of a line drawn from Wasque Point due south to the Commonwealth Territorial Boundary; and, north of a line drawn along the Commonwealth Territorial Boundary; and, south of a line drawn across the entrances (when present) to Crackatuxet Cove, Jobs Neck Pond, Edgartown Great Pond, Paqua Pond and Oyster Pond; and, east of a line drawn due south from the Edgartown/West Tisbury Town Line to the Commonwealth Territorial Boundary.”

Sincerely,

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