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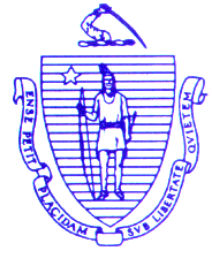
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **certain bivalve shellfish** from the shellfish growing area N7 Essex Bay **no longer contain biotoxins** (Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP)) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* spp. in excess of established standards. Area N7 remains closed to the harvest of ocean quahogs (*Arctica islandica*) and carnivorous snails.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, and 322 CMR sections 7.01(7), 7.02 and 10.00 the PSP closure for all shellfish issued on June 10, 2019 will be rescinded at sunrise on June 12, 2019 in area N7 Essex Bay. All shellfish except ocean quahogs and carnivorous snails in areas currently classified as Conditionally Approved and in the OPEN status may now be harvested for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. **Ocean quahogs and carnivorous snails remain closed to harvesting.**

Status: Open to Shellfish Harvest except ocean quahogs and carnivorous snails

N:7 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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David E. Pierce". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

David E. Pierce
Director

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