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Mayors and Select Boards of the following Cities and Towns:
Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rockport, Rowley, and Salisbury

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poison** (PSP) toxin (also known as "Red Tide") in shellfish, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has closed all bivalve shellfish and carnivorous snails in shellfish growing areas **N1** through **N14**.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined areas will be changed to "**CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL BIVALVE SHELLFISH AND CARNIVOROUS SNAILS**" effective at 2:00 p.m. Thursday June 16, 2022. Digging, harvesting or collecting, and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect and the possession of all bivalve shellfish and carnivorous snails in shellfish growing areas N1 through N14 are prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of all bivalve shellfish and carnivorous snails from the below-defined areas. These areas will remain closed until further notice.

AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL BIVALVE SHELLFISH AND CARNIVOROUS SNAILS

N1 – N14
The waters, flats, and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, and N14 in the Cities of Gloucester and Newburyport and the Towns of Essex, Ipswich, Newbury, Rockport, Rowley, and Salisbury.

Sincerely,

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