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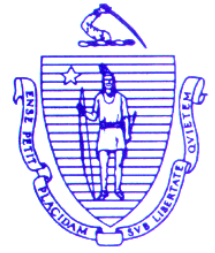
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Due to Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) toxin (also known as "Red Tide") in shellfish, the Division of Marine Fisheries has closed the shellfish growing area N:7 Essex Bay.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined area has been changed to "CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF BIVALVE SHELLFISH AND CARNIVEROUS SNAILS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ADDUCTOR MUSCLE OF THE SEA SCALLOP effective at 3:00PM on Monday, June 17, 2019. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect bivalve shellfish or carnivorous snails from the below defined area 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 area.

AREA CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL BIVALVE SHELLFISH AND CARNIVEROUS SNAILS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ADDUCTOR MUSCLE OF THE SEA SCALLOP

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 southernmost 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 black ink that reads "David E. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

David E. Pierce
Director

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Shellfish Constables of the above cities and towns