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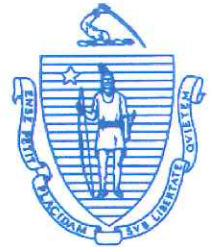
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP)** toxin (also known as "Red Tide") in shellfish the Division of Marine Fisheries has closed blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) in shellfish growing area N7 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 SHELLFISHING**", effective at **11:30 am Friday June 23, 2017**. Digging, harvesting, or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest, or collect blue mussels and the possession of blue mussels from the below-defined area 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 shellfish from the below-defined area.

AREA CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS

N7 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.

Sincerely,

David E. Pierce
Director

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