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TOXIC RED TIDE MAKES CONSUMPTION OF SHELLFISH DANGEROUS

Toxic Red Tide Makes Consumption of Clams, Mussels, Oysters, Carnivorous Snails, Periwinkles, Moon Snails, Conchs, Whelks and Other Shellfish Dangerous.

Consumption of Shellfish from Closed Areas Can Cause Paralysis and Death. Harvesting Shellfish is Presently Illegal in Most of Massachusetts' Coastal Waters.

The Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries, Department of Public Health and Massachusetts Environmental Police warn recreational shellfish harvesters NOT to harvest or consume shellfish from closed areas. Shellfishing is prohibited in more than two thirds of Massachusetts coastal waters at this time.

Shellfish sold at markets and restaurants is safe for consumption as it comes from areas not affected by Red Tide. The Massachusetts Environmental Police note that compliance among commercial shellfish diggers and aquaculture operators has been excellent.

For more information, see web sites below:

http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/programsandprojects/psp_notice.htm#shelsani
<http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp/redtide.htm>

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