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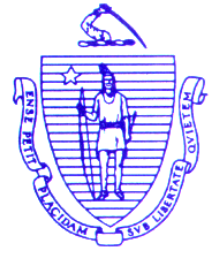
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June 26, 2019

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

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that all shellfish from the below-defined area contain **Paralytic Shellfish Poison** toxin (also known as "Red Tide") from the dinoflagellate *Alexandrium sp.*

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 ALL SHELLFISH AND CARNIVOROUS SNAILS effective at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2019 with the exception of the sea scallop adductor muscle.** Digging, harvesting, or collecting, and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish, including 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 BIVALVE SHELLFISH AND
CARNIVOROUS SNAILS
with the exception of sea scallop adductor muscles**

N1 – N14

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N1 through N14 in the cities and towns of Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rockport, Rowley and Salisbury.

Sincerely,

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Director

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