Mayors and Select Boards of the following cities and towns:

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 blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) in shellfish growing areas from N1 through N28 and MB1 through MB14.

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 SHELLFISHING", effective at 3:00 PM Wednesday July 14, 2021. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect blue mussels and the possession of blue mussels, from the below-defined areas 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 blue mussels from the below-defined areas. These areas will remain closed until further notice.

**AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS**

**N1-N28**


**MB1-MB14**

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas MB1, MB2, MB3, MB4, MB5, MB6, MB7, MB8, MB9, MB10, MB11, MB12, MB13, and MB14 in the cities and towns of Boston, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hull, Marshfield, Plymouth, Scituate, and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth.
All previous bacterial and marine biotoxin closures remain in effect.

Sincerely,

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