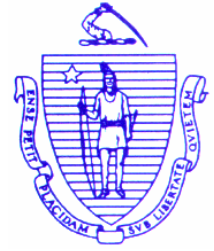




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Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish, **except for Surf clams (*Spisula solidissima*), Ocean quahogs (*Arctica islandica*), whole Sea scallops (*Placopecten magellanicus*) in the shell or roe-on, and carnivorous snails, channeled and knobbed whelks, and moon snails (*Lunatia heros*) and (*Polinices duplicatus*)**, from the below-defined areas **no longer contain biotoxins (PSP)** from the phytoplankton Alexandrium (spp) in excess of established standards.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) **at sunrise on July 20, 2005**, the PSP closure of May 20, 2005 will be amended as follows in the below defined areas. Those areas classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status to shellfish harvesting prior to the PSP closure are now open to the harvest of shellfish, **except Surf clams, Ocean quahogs, whole Sea scallops and with roe-on, and carnivorous snails**, for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. Similarly, those areas classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED are open subject to the classification conditions.

STATUS: OPEN TO SHELLFISHING

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of those areas (MB:12 to a portion of MB:2) out to three miles in Massachusetts Bay from Point Allerton in the Town of Hull to the Marshfield/Duxbury town line."

Sincerely,

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