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The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish from the below-defined areas no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP)) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closure issued on July 16, 2021 will be rescinded at sunrise on Thursday, July 29, 2021 in the below-defined areas for all shellfish, including carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops. Shellfish in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the “open” status may be harvested on Thursday, July 29, 2021 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 and in the “open” status are subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH

N1 – N6, N8, N10 – N28

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N8, N10, N11, N12, N13, N14, N15, N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, and N28 in the cities and towns of Amesbury, Beverly, Boston, Danvers, Gloucester, Ipswich, Lynn, Manchester-by-the-sea, Marblehead, Nahant, Newbury, Newburyport, Peabody, Revere, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Swampscott, Winthrop and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth.

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that soft shell clams (*Mya arenaria*) and razor clams (*Ensis directus*) from the below-defined area no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP)) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards. All other bivalve mollusks and carnivorous snails remain closed to harvesting with the exception for the landing of the adductor muscle of scallops.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closure issued on July 16, 2021 will be rescinded at sunrise on Thursday, July 29, 2021 in the below-defined growing area for soft shell clams and razor clams for direct human consumption subject to local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** and in the “open” status are subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

**STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF SOFT SHELL CLAMS AND RAZOR CLAMS
and the landing of the adductor muscle of scallops**

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The waters, flats, and tributaries of the Annisquam River and Gloucester Harbor in the City of Gloucester.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. McKiernan
Director

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