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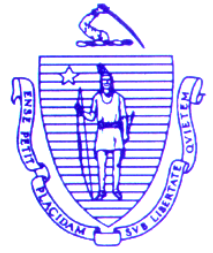
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To the Selectmen and Mayors of the following municipalities:
Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that softshell clams (*Mya arenaria*) from the below-defined areas **no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP))** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (*spp.*) in excess of established standards. All other shellfish and carnivorous snails remain closed to harvesting.

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and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures for softshell clams issued on June 19, 2019 **will be rescinded at sunrise on Wednesday July 31, 2019** in the below-defined areas. Softshell clams in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status **may be harvested on Wednesday July 31, 2019** 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 or CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED and in the "open" status are subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect. All other shellfish and carnivorous snails remain closed to harvesting.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF SOFTSHELL CLAMS

N:1 through N:14

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N:1, N:2, N:3, N:4, N:5, N:6, N:7, N:8, N:9, N:10, N:11, N:12, N:13, and N:14 in the Cities of Gloucester and Newburyport, and the Towns of Essex, Ipswich, Newbury, Rockport, Rowley, and Salisbury.

Sincerely,

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