



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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Mayors and Select Boards of the following cities and towns:

Plymouth, Duxbury, Marshfield, Scituate, Cohasset, Hull and Boston

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish, except carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops, from the below-defined areas **no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP))** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium (spp.)* in excess of established standards. **These areas remain closed to the harvesting of carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops (with the exception of the adductor muscle of the sea scallop).**


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sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures issued on July 16, 2021 **will be rescinded at sunrise on Saturday July 31, 2021** in the below-defined areas for all shellfish, except carnivorous snails and whole Sea scallops. Shellfish in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the “open” status **may be harvested on Saturday July 31, 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 or CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED and in the “open” status are subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

**Status: Open to the harvesting of shellfish, except carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops. These areas remain closed to the harvesting of carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops (with the exception of the adductor muscle of the sea scallop).**

### **MB:1 – MB:14**

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 towns of Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury and Plymouth, the City of Boston and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,



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Daniel J. McKiernan,  
Director

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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns