

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# **Division of Marine Fisheries**

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Board of Selectmen Town of Chatham Town Hall Chatham, MA 02633

#### Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish from the below-defined portion of Chatham Harbor (SC:52N) **no longer contain biotoxins (PSP)** from the phytoplankton <u>Alexandrium (spp)</u> 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 August 5, 2005**, the below-defined area will revert to its former status prior to the PSP closure of May 27, 2005 in Chatham Harbor in the Town of Chatham. Those areas classified as APPROVED and in the "open " status to shellfish harvesting are now open to the harvest of shellfish 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

### **Chatham Harbor**

SC:52N

"The waters, flats and all tributaries within Chatham Harbor in the Town of Chatham south of a line drawn from the north tip of Strong Island along the Chatham/Orleans Town Line to the marker on Nauset Beach; and east of a line drawn from Allens Point to the southeast tip of Strong Island."

Sincerely,

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Director

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