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Director

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

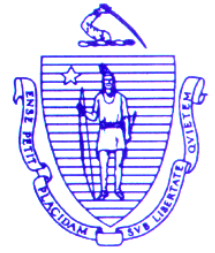
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August 7, 2019

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 blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) and razor clams (*Ensis directus*) 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 bivalve mollusks and carnivorous snails remain closed to harvesting with the exception for the landing of the adductor muscle of scallops and soft shell clams.

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sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures for blue mussels and razor clams issued on June 19, 2019 **will be rescinded at sunrise on Thursday August 8, 2019** in the below-defined areas. Blue mussels and razor clams in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status **may be harvested on Thursday August 8, 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 bivalve mollusks and carnivorous snails remain closed to harvesting with the exception for the landing of the adductor muscle of scallops and soft shell clams.

### **STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS AND RAZOR CLAMS and the landing of the adductor muscle of scallops**

**The below areas were open to the harvest of soft shell clams on July 30, 2019.**

#### **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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

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