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sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures for blue mussels and razor clams issued on June 19, 2019 will be rescinded at sunrise on Thursday August 8, 2019 in the below-defined areas.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**

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

David E. Pierce
Director

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