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Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **bivalve shellfish** from Town Cove (OC4) and Salt Pond (OC6), defined below, **no longer contain biotoxins (Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning -(DSP))** from the phytoplankton *Dinophysis* (spp.) in excess of established standards. All Nauset areas OC2 through OC6 remain closed to the harvesting of **all species of carnivorous snails**.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A, the DSP closure for **bivalve shellfish** issued on June 28, 2024, **will be rescinded at sunrise on Saturday, August 10, 2024**, in areas **OC4 Town Cove** and **OC6, Salt Pond**. Bivalve shellfish in areas currently classified as APPROVED and placed in the "open" status may now be harvested 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 may be placed in the "open" status subject to Conditional Area Management Plan conditions. All Nauset areas OC2 through OC6 remain closed to the harvesting of **all species of carnivorous snails**.

Status: Open to Bivalve Shellfish Harvesting.

These areas remain closed to the harvesting of all carnivorous snails.

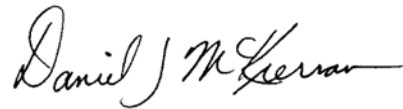
OC4 TOWN COVE, ORLEANS/EASTHAM

The waters, flats and all tributaries of Town Cove in the Towns of Eastham and Orleans, southwesterly of a line drawn from Snow Point in the Town of Orleans to the western side of the mouth to the Hemenway River at Fort Hill in the Town of Eastham.

OC6 SALT POND, EASTHAM

The waters, flats and all tributaries of Salt Pond in the Town of Eastham, westerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Salt Pond River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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