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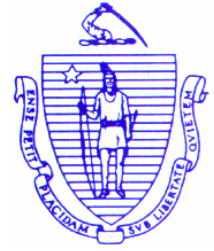
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Mayors of Newburyport, Gloucester and Amesbury and Selectboards of Essex, Ipswich, Newbury, Rowley and Salisbury

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **Razor clams** (*Ensis directus*), from the below-defined areas **no longer contain biotoxins (PSP)** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (*spp.*) in excess of established standards.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02, and 10.00 **at sunrise on August 11, 2006**, the PSP closures of May 16, 2006 will be amended as follows in the below defined areas. Those shellfish areas classified as APPROVED and in the “open” status to shellfish harvesting are now open to the harvest of **Razor clams** (*Ensis directus*) 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 and in the “open” status are open subject to the classification conditions.

Status: Open to Razor Clam (*Ensis directus*) Harvesting

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of those areas from the Massachusetts-New Hampshire border to the Gloucester-Manchester By The Sea town line (N:1 to N:14).”

Sincerely,

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