August 11, 2021

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Ipswich Select Board
Ipswich Town Hall
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Ipswich, MA 01938

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that certain shellfish from the below-defined area no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP)) from the phytoplankton Alexandrium (spp.) in excess of established standards. 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130, sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closure issued on July 16, 2021 will be rescinded at sunrise on Thursday, August 12, 2021 in the below-defined area for all shellfish, with the exception of carnivorous snails. Shellfish in classification areas within N7 currently classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED and in the “open” status may be harvested on Thursday, August 12, 2021 for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52 and are subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

**Status: Open to Bivalve Shellfish Harvesting.** This area remains closed to the harvesting of all carnivorous snails.

**N7 ESSEX BAY**

The waters, flats and tributaries of Essex Bay in the Towns of Ipswich and Essex and the City of Gloucester, inside and south and west of a line drawn across the Essex Bay inlet from the southern most point of Crane Beach in the Town of Ipswich easterly to the northern most point of Two Penny Loaf in Gloucester.
Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKiernan
Director

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