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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 certain bivalve shellfish from the below-defined areas **no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP))** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium (spp.)* in excess of established standards. Areas N:1 through N:14 remain closed to the harvest of whole sea scallops and carnivorous snails.

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and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures for shellfish issued on June 26, 2019, **will be rescinded at sunrise on Friday, October 11, 2019**, in the below-defined areas. Shellfish, except whole sea scallops and carnivorous snails, in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status **may be harvested on Friday, October 11, 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 their respective classification conditions. All existing bacterial closures remain in effect. Whole sea scallops and carnivorous snails in areas N:1 through N:14 remain closed to harvesting.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF SHELLFISH
except whole sea scallops and carnivorous snails
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.

Sincerely,

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