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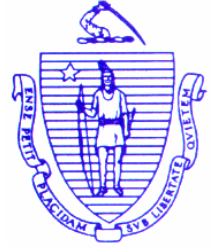
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Mayors of Beverly, Boston, Lynn, Revere, and Salem and Selectboards of Danvers, Hull, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus, Swampscott, and Winthrop

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the carnivorous snails known as **Waved whelks** (*Buccinum undatum*), **Stimpson's whelks** (*Colus stimpsoni*), and **Ten-ridged whelks** (*Neptunea decemcostata*) **no longer contain biotoxins (PSP) from the phytoplankton Alexandrium (spp.)** in excess of established standards. **Closures remain effect for carnivorous Moon snails (*Polinices duplicatus* and *Lunatia heros*)**

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) **at sunrise on November 10, 2006** the below-defined portions of Massachusetts Bay will revert to their former status prior to the PSP closures of May 26, 2005 for the harvest of **Waved whelk** (*Buccinum undatum*), **Stimpson's whelk** (*Colus stimpsoni*), and **Ten-ridged whelk** (*Neptunea decemcostata*) for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52.

Status: Open to Waved whelk (*Buccinum undatum*), Stimpson's whelk (*Colus stimpsoni*), and Ten-ridged whelk (*Neptunea decemcostata*) Harvesting

"The waters, flats and all tributaries southerly of a line drawn southeasterly along the Gloucester/Manchester-By-The-Sea town line and extending southeasterly to the Massachusetts Territorial Waters line, including a portion of growing area MB:14; east of a line drawn from the southern tip of Deer Island in the Town of Winthrop to the tip of Point Allerton in the Town of Hull; northerly of a line drawn directly east from the tip of Point Allerton to the Massachusetts Territorial Waters line, including portions of growing areas MB:9 and MB:14.

Sincerely,

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