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Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **bivalve shellfish** from growing area OC6, defined below, **do not contain biotoxins associated with Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards. All growing areas in the Nauset System, 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Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A, the PSP closure for **bivalve shellfish** issued on December 22, 2023, **will be rescinded at sunrise on Friday, January 12, 2024**, in growing area **OC6, Salt Pond** in Eastham. Bivalve shellfish may now be harvested for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52.

### **Status: Open to Bivalve Shellfish Harvesting.**

This area remains **CLOSED** to the harvesting of **all species of carnivorous snails**.

### **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,

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