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Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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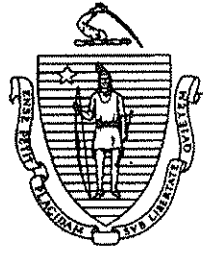
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Mayors and Boards of Selectmen of the following cities and towns: Beverly, Boston, Danvers, Lynn, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Revere, Salem, Saugus, Swampscott, and Winthrop

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) and Atlantic surf clams, (*Spisula solidissima*)**, from the below-defined areas **no longer contains biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison—PSP)** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium (spp.)* in excess of established standards. **These areas remain closed to the harvesting of all other shellfish species (with the exception of the adductor muscle of the sea scallop).**

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7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures for blue mussels and Atlantic surf clams issued on May 25, 2011 **will be rescinded on Monday, November 14, 2011** in the below-defined areas. Blue mussels and Atlantic surf clams in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status **may be harvested on Monday, November 14, 2011** 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 may be harvested subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

N15 through N28

Status: Open to the harvesting of blue mussels and Atlantic surf clams. These areas remain closed to the harvesting of all other shellfish species (with the exception of the adductor muscle of the sea scallop).

"The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish classification areas N15 through N28 in the above-listed cities and towns and those marine waters managed by the Commonwealth from the Gloucester/Manchester-by-the-Sea municipal boundary southward to an easterly line drawn from the southernmost extent of Deer Island in Boston."

Sincerely,

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Director

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