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Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to a bloom of the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* spp., which is known to produce **Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)** toxin (also known as "Red Tide") in shellfish, the Division of Marine Fisheries is issuing a precautionary closure of Salt Pond (shellfish growing area OC6) in the Town of Eastham to the harvest of all shellfish.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined area will be changed to **"Closed to Shellfishing"** except for bay scallop harvest for the adductor muscle only, **effective at sunrise on December 6, 2025**. Digging, harvesting, or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish, including carnivorous snails, from the below-defined area is prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the below-defined areas. These areas will remain closed until further notice.

AREA CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH Except for harvest of bay scallops for adductor muscle only

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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