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Dear Honorable Mayor Theken and Ipswich Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below defined shellfish growing areas N5 "Ipswich River", N10 "Outer North Gloucester" and N12 "Good Harbor Beach", which were closed on January 26, 2015 due to winter storm conditions, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "OPEN" status.

Therefore, under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, sections 74A, 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of January 26, 2015 effective at 13:30 Thursday, January 29, 2015.

Those areas previously classified as APPROVED and in the "OPEN" status to shellfish harvesting are now open to the harvest of shellfish 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 are open subject to the classification conditions. Areas classified as RESTRICTED, CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED and PROHIBITED remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED, CONDITIONALLY APPROVED STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

N5 Ipswich River

The waters, flats and tributaries of the Ipswich River in the Town of Ipswich.

N10 Outer North Gloucester

The waters and flats of the North Gloucester coastline.

N12 Good Harbor Beach

The waters and flats of Good Harbor Beach in the City of Gloucester.

Sincerely,

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