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Boards of Selectmen and Mayors of: Manchester , Gloucester , Rockport, Essex , Ipswich ,
Rowley, Newburyport , Newbury and Salisbury

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that whole and roe-on Sea scallops (*Placopecten magellanicus*) from the below-defined portions of the towns listed above no longer contain biotoxins (PSP) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium (spp)* in excess of established standards.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) **at sunrise on March 10, 2007**, Sea scallops in the below-defined area will revert to their former status prior to the PSP closures of May 26, 2005. Those shellfish areas classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status to shellfish harvesting are now open to the harvest of **whole and roe-on Sea scallops** for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. Similarly, those shellfish areas classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED and in the "open" status are also subject to the classification conditions.

GLOUCESTER TO NEW HAMPSHIRE
Status: Open to Shellfishing (as noted above)

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of the Territorial Waters of the Commonwealth out to three miles, from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border to the Gloucester/Manchester By The Sea town line (**N:1 to N:14**)."

Sincerely,

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Constables of the above-listed towns