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Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)** toxin (also known as “Red Tide”) in shellfish, the Division of Marine Fisheries is closing the entire below-defined Chatham Harbor (SC52N and SC52S) and Pleasant Bay (SC53 -SC64) systems to the harvest of blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*).

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined areas will be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING OF BLUE MUSSELS ONLY**", **effective immediately**. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect blue mussels, and the possession of blue mussels, from the below- defined areas 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 blue mussels from the below-defined areas. This closure will remain in place until further notice.

### **AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS**

**All of Chatham Harbor, including shellfish growing areas SC52S and SC52N, and all of the Pleasant Bay system including shellfish growing areas SC53, SC54, SC55, SC56, SC57, SC58, SC59, SC60, SC61, SC62, SC63 and SC64.**

Sincerely,



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