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Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to a bloom of the phytoplankton *Alexandrium sp.*, which is known to produce **Paralytic Shellfish Poison** (PSP) toxin in shellfish, the Division of Marine Fisheries is issuing a precautionary closure of the entire Nauset System (OC:2-OC:5) in the Towns of Orleans and Eastham to the harvest of all shellfish. The Salt Pond (OC:6) growing area, also located within the Nauset system, remains closed to the harvest of all shellfish pursuant to the DMF closure notice dated March 16, 2022.

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**", **effective immediately**. 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 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 shellfish from the below-defined areas. These areas will remain closed until further notice.

## AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH

### NAUSET SYSTEM OC:2-OC:5

#### OC:2 NAUSET HARBOR, EASTHAM/ORLEANS

The waters, flats and all tributaries of Nauset Harbor in the Towns of Eastham and Orleans, northerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Mill Pond in the Town of Orleans; southerly of a line drawn across the Middle Channel at the Eastham/Orleans town line; southerly of a line drawn across the southern mouth of the Hemenway River in the Town of Eastham; and easterly of a line drawn across the mouth of Town Cove.

**OC:3 MILL POND, ORLEANS**

The waters, flats and all tributaries of Mill Pond in the Town of Orleans, southerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Roberts Cove.

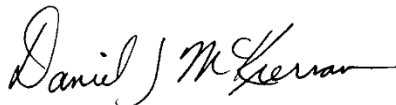
**OC:4 TOWN COVE, ORLEANS/EASTHAM**

The waters, flats and all tributaries of Town Cove in the Towns of Eastham and Orleans, southwesterly of a line drawn from Snow Point in the Town of Orleans to the western side of the mouth to the Hemenway River at Fort Hill in the Town of Eastham.

**OC:5 NAUSET MARSH, EASTHAM**

The waters, flats and all tributaries of Nauset Marsh in the Town of Eastham, northerly of a line drawn across the Middle Channel at the Eastham/Orleans Town Line; westerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Nauset Harbor; northerly of a line drawn across the mouth of the Hemenway River at Fort Hill in the Town of Eastham; and easterly of a line drawn across the entrance of Salt Pond in the Town of Eastham.

Sincerely,



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