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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 all waters and flats in the town of Swansea (which includes MBH1.1, MHB3.1, MHB3.5, MHB4.1, MHB4.01, MHB4.3, MHB4.6, and MHB4.11) to the harvest of all shellfish and carnivorous snails.

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 10am April 13, 2022**. 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 AND CARNIVOROUS SNAILS

All waters and flats in the town of Swansea including areas MBH1.1, MHB3.1, MHB3.5, MHB4.1, MHB4.01, MHB4.3, MHB4.6, and MHB4.11

MHB1.1 Mount Hope Bay

The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of Mount Hope Bay, in the Town of Swansea, south of a line drawn from Massachusetts/Rhode Island State Line off Seaview Avenue to the southern end of Bay Point and continuing to the Swansea/Somerset Town Line at the mouth of the Lee River, west of the Swansea/Somerset Town Line, north of the

Massachusetts/Rhode Island State Line continuing back to the state line at Seaview Avenue.

MHB3.1 Lower River, Swansea

The waters and flats of that portion of the Lee River, in the Town of Swansea, north of a line drawn from Bay Point to Brayton Point at the intersection of the Swansea/Somerset town line, west of the Swansea/Somerset town line and south of the Route 103 bridge with the exception of MHB3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

MHB3.5 Little Neck, Swansea

The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of the Lee River, in the Town of Swansea, north of the Route 103 Bridge, west of the Swansea/Somerset town line and west of a line drawn from the southern end of Little Neck across the mouth of the eastern branch of the river where it intersects the Swansea/Somerset town line to the Somerset shoreline.

MHB4.1 Coles River

The waters and flats of the Cole River, in the Town of Swansea, north of a line drawn from the end of Bay Point to the Massachusetts/Rhode Island state line south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located 25' south of the brook at the Reynolds property (#400 Cedar Avenue) to the point of land northeast of Willow Circle along the northern shoreline and south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located approximately 300' west of the Route 195 westerly abutment to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the end of Pleasant Street extended excluding MHB4.2, 4.5 and 4.9.

MHB4.01 Seaview Ave Mooring Area

The waters and flats of the Coles River, in the Town of Swansea, west of a line drawn from #226 Seaview Ave to a buoy at 41° 43'02.87" N/ 71° 13'23.25"W continuing south to the state line.

MHB4.3 Swansea Marina and Mooring Area

The waters and flats of the Coles River, in the Town of Swansea, east of a line drawn from the northwestern point of land outside of Cedar Cove to the eastern edge of the rock wall located at #194 Bluff Ave.

MHB4.6 Pine Street

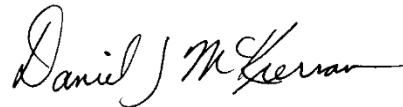
The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of the Coles River north of the Route 103 Bridge, south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located 25' south of the brook at the Reynolds property (#400 Cedar Avenue) to the point of land northeast of Willow Circle along the northern shoreline and south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located approximately 300' west of the Route 195 westerly abutment to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the end of Pleasant Street extended.

MHB4.11 Jette Street

The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of the Cole River, in the Town of Swansea, east of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the marsh at 41.736935, -71.207062 to the end of Jette Street and west of a line from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located approximately 300' west of the Route 195 westerly abutment to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the end of Pleasant Street extended.

All previous bacterial and marine biotoxin closures remain in effect.

Sincerely,



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