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To the selectmen of the following municipalities:

Hull , Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that Blue mussels *Mytilus edulis*, Surf clams *Spisula solidissima*, Carnivorous snails and whole Sea scallops *Placopecten magillanicus* with the exception of the adductor muscle of sea scallops, from the below-defined area contain Paralytic Shellfish Poison toxin (also known as "Red Tide") from the dinoflagellate *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of the established standards.

Under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the below-defined area is closed to the harvest of the above-noted shellfish until subsequent examination shows that these shellfish are safe for human consumption.

The below-defined area is **CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF Blue mussels *Mytilus edulis*, Surf clams *Spisula solidissima*, Carnivorous snails and whole Sea scallops *Placopecten magillanicus* with the exception of the adductor muscle of sea scallops.** Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect these shellfish or carnivorous snails from the below-defined area 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 the above-noted shellfish from the below-defined area.

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"The waters and flats of the Commonwealth in the above-listed cities and towns south of a line drawn from Point Allerton in the Town of Hull easterly to the state territorial waters line; southward to and including areas MB:2 through MB:12 at the Marshfield/Duxbury town boundary marker."

Sincerely,

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