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To the selectmen and mayors of the following municipalities:

Salisbury, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex, Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Beverly, Marblehead, Salem, Swampscott, Lynn, Nahant

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poison** (PSP) toxin (also known as “Red Tide”) in shellfish and reported elevated phytoplankton levels of the dinoflagellate Alexandrium (spp.), the Division of Marine Fisheries has closed the below-defined areas.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined areas have been changed to **CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF BIVALVE SHELLFISH AND CARNIVEROUS SNAILS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ADDUCTOR OF THE SEA SCALLOP** 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.

AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ADDUCTOR OF THE SEA SCALLOP

“The waters, flats and all tributaries in the above-listed cities and towns and those marine waters managed by the Commonwealth from the Gloucester/Manchester By The Sea town line to East Point in the Town of Nahant including designated shellfish growing areas N:15 to N:24 and MB:14.”

Sincerely,

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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns