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To the Selectmen and Mayors of the following cities and towns:  
Amesbury, Newbury, Newburyport, and Salisbury

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP)** toxin (also known as "Red Tide") in *Mytilus edulis*, 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 HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOFTSHELL CLAMS FOR DEPURATION, effective immediately**. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of all shellfish, including carnivorous snails with the exception of softshell clams for depuration, from the below-defined areas is prohibited.

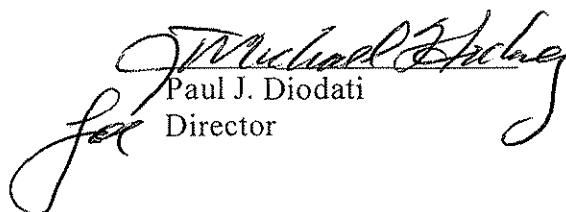
Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the below-defined areas.

**AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOFTSHELL CLAMS FOR DEPURATION**

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing area N2, the Merrimack River, in the cities and towns of Amesbury, Newbury, Newburyport and Salisbury.

All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

Sincerely,

  
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