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To the mayors and selectmen of the following municipalities:

Swampscott, Lynn , Nahant, Revere , Saugus , Winthrop , Hull and Boston

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poison** (PSP) toxin (also known as “Red Tide”) in shellfish from 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 has 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.

**AREA CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL BI-VALVE SHELLFISH AND CARNIVEROUS SNAILS with the exception of the sea scallop adductor muscle**

"The waters and flats of the Commonwealth in the above-listed cities and towns including Boston Harbor, Greater Boston Harbor and Lynn Harbor and the Saugus Pines River, in areas MB:12, MB:13, N:22 through N:28 and GBH:1 through GBH:6."

This now effectively closes all Designated Shellfish Growing Areas (DSGAs) from the Massachusetts/New Hampshire state border to the Bourne/Sandwich town line with the exception of the Plymouth/Kingston/Duxbury Bay complex noted below.

**Excluded from this closure is the Plymouth/Kingston/Duxbury Bay complex; areas CCB:42 through CCB:47 which remain open to the harvesting of all shellfish. All previous bacterial closures in areas CCB:42 through CCB:47 remain in full force and effect.”**

Sincerely,

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