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To the Select Board/Mayor of the following municipalities:

Newburyport, Newbury, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex, and Gloucester

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) toxin (also known as "Red Tide") in shellfish, the Division of Marine Fisheries is issuing a precautionary closure of all waters and flats for growing areas from **N3 through N7** to the harvest of all shellfish and carnivorous snails, except for harvest of scallops for adductor muscle only.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined area for the harvest of all shellfish species and carnivorous snails is changing to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING", 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 are prohibited except for harvest of scallops for adductor muscle only.

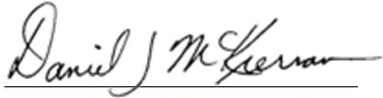
Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling, or possession of shellfish, including carnivorous snails, from the below-defined areas.

AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH
AND CARNIVOROUS SNAILS
Except for harvest of scallops for adductor muscle only

N3 – N7

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N3, N4, N5, N6 and N7 in The Cities of Newburyport and Gloucester and the Towns of Newbury, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns