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June 14, 2022

Mayors and Select Boards of the following Cities and Towns:
Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rockport, Rowley, and Salisbury

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poison** (PSP) toxin (also known as “Red Tide”) in shellfish, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has closed blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) in shellfish growing areas **N1** through **N14**.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined areas will be changed to "**CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF BLUE MUSSELS**" effective at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday June 14, 2022. Digging, harvesting or collecting, and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect and the possession of blue mussels in shellfish growing areas N1 through N14 are prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of blue mussels from the below-defined areas. These areas will remain closed until further notice.

AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS

N1 – N14

The waters, flats, and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, and N14 in the Cities of Gloucester and Newburyport and the Towns of Essex, Ipswich, Newbury, Rockport, Rowley, and Salisbury.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns