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To the selectmen and mayors of the following municipalities:

Salisbury, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex, Gloucester, Rockport and Manchester-By-The-Sea

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **Blue mussels** (*Mytilus edulis*) from the below-defined area contain Paralytic Shellfish Poison toxin (also known as "Red Tide") from the dinoflagellate *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of the established standards. **Moon snails** (*Polinices duplicatus* and *Lunatia heros*) remain closed.

Under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the below-defined area is closed to the harvest of Blue mussels and Moon snails until subsequent examination shows that these shellfish are safe for human consumption.

The below-defined area is **CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF BLUE MUSSELS AND MOON SNAILS**. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect Blue mussels or Moon snails from the below-defined area 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 the above-noted shellfish from the below-defined area.

#### **AREA CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS AND MOON SNAILS**

"The waters, flats and all tributaries in the above-listed cities and towns and those marine waters managed by the Commonwealth from the New Hampshire/Massachusetts state boundary to Gloucester/Manchester-By-The-Sea town line, out to the state territorial waters line."

Sincerely,

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cc: J. Hanlon, R. Arduini, K. Dolan, DELE  
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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns