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Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that bivalve shellfish from area OC:6, (Salt Pond in the Town of Eastham) defined below, no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison-(PSP)) from the phytoplankton Alexandrium (spp.) in excess of established standards. All areas in the Nauset system (OC:2 through OC:6) remain closed to the harvesting of Moon snails (Polinices duplicatus and Lunatia heros).

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closure for **bivalve shellfish** issued on April 24, 2013 **will be rescinded at sunrise on June 20, 2013** in area OC:6 (Salt Pond). Bivalve shellfish in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status may now be harvested for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. Similarly, those areas classified as CONDTIONALLY APPROVED and in the "open" status are subject to the classification conditions. All areas OC:2 through OC:6 remain closed to the harvesting of **Moon snails** (*Polinices duplicatus and Lunatia heros*).

Status: Open to Bivalve Shellfish Harvesting. This area remains closed to the harvesting of Moon snails (*Polinices duplicatus and Lunatia heros*).

OC:6 SALT POND, EASTHAM

The waters, flats and all tributaries of Salt Pond in the Town of Eastham, westerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Salt Pond.

Sincerely,

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