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To the Selectmen and Mayors of:
Salisbury, Newburyport, Newbury, Rowley,
Ipswich, Essex, Gloucester and Rockport

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) toxin (also known as "Red Tide") in shellfish, 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 have been changed to "CLOSED TO
SHELLFISHING," effective immediately. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting
to dig, harvest or collect blue mussels and the possession of blue mussels from the below-defined
areas 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 shellfish from the below-defined areas.

AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS

“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 towns of Salisbury,
Newbury, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex, and Rockport, the Cities of Newburyport and
Gloucester and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth.”

Sincerely,
Paul J. Diodati
Director

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D. McKiernan, M. Hickey, J. Kennedy, T. Shields, DMF
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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns