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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 **N15** through **N28** and **GBH1** through **GBH6**.

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 sunrise on **Thursday, June 23, 2022**. Digging, harvesting or collecting, and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect and the possession of blue mussels in shellfish growing areas N15 through N28 and GBH1 through GBH6 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

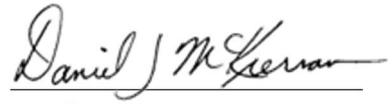
N15 – N28

The waters, flats, and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N15, N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, and N28 in the cities and towns of Beverly, Boston, Danvers Lynn, Manchester-by-the-sea, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Revere, Salem, Saugus, Swampscott, Winthrop.

GBH1 – GBH6

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas GBH1, GBH2, GBH3, GBH4, GBH5, and GBH6, in the cities and towns of Boston, Braintree, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Weymouth, Winthrop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

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