



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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Town of Ipswich Selectboard  
Ipswich Town Hall  
25 Green Street  
Ipswich, MA 01938

Town of Rowley Selectboard  
Rowley Town Hall  
139 Main Street  
Rowley, MA 01969

Town of Newbury Selectboard  
Newbury Town Hall  
25 High Rd  
Newbury, MA 01951

Dear Ipswich, Rowley, and Newbury Selectboards:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that bivalve shellfish, from area N4 defined below, do not contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP)) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards. Area N4 remains closed to the harvesting of all carnivorous snails.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, the PSP closure issued on June 13, 2025, will be **rescinded at sunrise on June 26, 2025**, in the growing area N4 "Plum Island Sound". Shellfish in areas currently classified as CONDITIONALLY APPROVED shall revert to the status dictated by the Conditional Area Management Plan. Bivalve shellfish may now be harvested for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

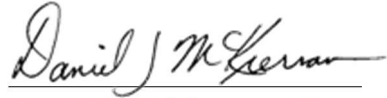
### STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF SHELLFISH

This area remains **CLOSED** to the harvesting of ocean quahogs and all carnivorous snails.

#### N4 Plum Island Sound

The waters, flats and tributaries of Plum Island Sound in the Towns of Ipswich, Newbury and Rowley.

Sincerely,



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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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