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

## Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that bivalve shellfish **except Moon snails** (**Polinices duplicatus and Lunatia heros**) from the below-defined areas **no longer contain biotoxins** (**Paralytic Shellfish Poison-(PSP)**) from the phytoplankton Alexandrium (spp.) in excess of established standards.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, at sunrise on June 27, 2007, the PSP closures of June 19 and 20, 2007 will be amended as follows in the below defined areas. Those shellfish areas classified as APPROVED and in the "open "status to shellfish harvesting are now open to the harvest of shellfish, except Moon snails (Polinices duplicatus and Lunatia heros), 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 open subject to the classification conditions. Rainfall or bacterial closures may still exist in areas affected by the lifting of the PSP closure.

## Status: Open to Shellfish Harvesting, except Moon snails (Polinices duplicatus and Lunatia heros)

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of those areas from the Massachusetts- New Hampshire border to the Gloucester-Manchester by the Sea line (N1-N14)."

Sincerely,		

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