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June 27, 2025

To the Select Board/Mayor of the following municipalities:

Newburyport, Newbury, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex, and Gloucester

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that bivalve shellfish from areas N3, N5, N6, and N7, defined below, do not contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP)) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards. These areas remain closed to the harvesting of ocean quahogs and 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authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, the PSP closure issued on June 13, 2025, will be **rescinded immediately on June 27, 2025**, in the growing areas N3, N5, N6 and N7. 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

These areas remain CLOSED to the harvesting of ocean quahogs and all carnivorous snails.

N3 and N5 – N7

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N3, N5, N6 and N7 in
The Cities of Newburyport and Gloucester and the Towns of Newbury, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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