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To the selectmen of the following municipalities:

Hull , Cohasset, and Scituate

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish from the below-defined areas in the Towns of Hull, Cohasset and Scituate contain **Paralytic Shellfish Poison** toxin (also known as "Red Tide") from the dinoflagellate *Alexandrium tamarense*.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined areas has been changed to **CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF BIVALVE SHELLFISH AND CARNIVEROUS SNAILS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ADDUCTOR OF THE SEA SCALLOP** effective immediately. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish, including carnivorous snails, from the below-defined areas is 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.

AREA CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL BI-VALVE SHELLFISH AND CARNIVEROUS SNAILS with the exception of the sea scallop adductor muscle

"The waters and flats of the Commonwealth in the towns of Hull, Cohasset and Scituate south of a line drawn from Point Allerton in the Town of Hull easterly to the state territorial waters line; southward to a line drawn from the northern side of the mouth of the North River in the Town of Scituate easterly to the state territorial waters line."

Sincerely,

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