June 9, 2022

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that bivalve shellfish from growing area OC6, defined below, no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison-(PSP)) from the phytoplankton Alexandrium (spp.) in excess of established standards. All growing areas in the Nauset System, OC:2 through OC:6, remain closed to the harvesting of Moon snails (Polinices duplicatus and Lunatia heros).

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closure for bivalve shellfish issued on March 16, 2022, will be rescinded at sunrise on Friday, June 10, 2022 in growing area OC6, Salt Pond in Eastham. 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.

Status: Open to Bivalve Shellfish Harvesting.
This area remains CLOSED to the harvesting of Moon snails (Polinices duplicatus and Lunatia heros).

OC:6  SALT POND, EASTHAM

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Salt Pond in the Town of Eastham, westerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Salt Pond.”

Sincerely,

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