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Mayors and Boards of Selectmen of the following cities and towns: Braintree, Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Hingham, Hull, Quincy, Weymouth, and Winthrop

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that soft-shell clams *Mya arenaria* from the below-defined area **no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison-(PSP))** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium (spp.)* in excess of established standards. **These areas remain closed to the harvesting of all other shellfish and carnivorous snails with the exception of the adductor of the sea scallop.**

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and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures for soft-shell clams on June 12, 2008 **will be rescinded at sunrise on Thursday July 10, 2008** in the below-defined areas. Soft-Shell Clams in areas currently classified as CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED and with a status of OPEN TO SHELLFISHING FOR DEPURATION are subject to the classification conditions, the Shellfish Purification Plant digging schedule and local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect. **Harvesting of all other shellfish and carnivorous snails shall remain prohibited.**

Status: Open to Shellfishing for Depuration for Soft-Shell Clams ONLY. These areas remain closed to the harvesting of all other shellfish and carnivorous snails with the exception of the adductor of the sea scallop.

"The waters, flats and tributaries of the Commonwealth in the above-listed cities and towns in Greater Boston Harbor, areas GBH1 through GBH6."

Sincerely,

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