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The Honorable Carolyn A. Kirk:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **softshell clams *Mya arenaria* and razor clams *Ensis directus*** from the below-defined area **no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP))** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium (spp.)* in excess of established standards. The area remains closed to the harvesting of all other shellfish, including carnivorous snails with the exception of the adductor muscle 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130, sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closure issued on June 4, 2014 will be rescinded at sunrise on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 in the below-defined areas. Softshell clams and razor clams in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status may be harvested on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 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 CONDITIONALLY APPROVED or CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED and in the "open" status are subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

Status: OPEN to the harvesting of softshell clams *Mya arenaria* and razor clams *Ensis directus*.

N9 ANNISQUAM RIVER

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of the Annisquam River in the City of Gloucester.”

N10 OUTER NORTH GLOUCESTER

“The waters and flats of the Gloucester shoreline from the Annisquam Lighthouse at Wigwam Point northeasterly to the Rockport/Gloucester line.”

Sincerely,

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