



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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Select Boards of the following Towns:  
Ipswich, Newbury, and Rowley

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **softshell clams (*Mya arenaria*)** from shellfish growing areas N4 Plum Island Sound, N5 Ipswich River, and N6 Cranes Beach **no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP))** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards. Shellfish growing areas N4, N5, and N6 remains closed to the harvest of all other bivalve shellfish and carnivorous snails, with the exception of sea scallop adductor muscle.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), and 7.02, the PSP closure issued on June 16, 2022, will be **partly rescinded at sunrise on Thursday, July 14, 2022**. Softshell clams in classification areas within N4, N5, and N6 currently classified as APPROVED or CONDITIONALLY APPROVED and in the “open” status may be harvested on Thursday, July 14, 2022, for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, section 52 and are subject to the classification conditions. All other bivalve shellfish and carnivorous snails remain closed to harvesting, with the exception of sea scallop adductor muscle. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

### **Status: Open to Softshell Clam Harvesting.**

This area remains closed to the harvesting of all other bivalve shellfish and carnivorous snails, with the exception of sea scallop adductor muscle.

#### **N4 PLUM ISLAND SOUND**

The waters, flats and tributaries of Plum Island Sound in the Towns of Ipswich, Newbury and Rowley.

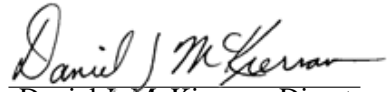
#### **N5 IPSWICH RIVER**

The waters, flats and tributaries of the Ipswich River in the Town of Ipswich.

#### **N6 CRANES BEACH**

The waters and flats of Cranes Beach in the Town of Ipswich.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director  
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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