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July 14, 2022

To the Select Boards of the following municipalities:

Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston and Marshfield

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) from the below-defined areas (CCB41 – CCB47) **no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP))** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium spp.* in excess of established standards.

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75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closure for blue mussels issued on June 23, 2022, **will be rescinded at sunrise on Friday July 15, 2022**, in the below-defined areas. Blue mussels in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the “open” status **may be harvested on Friday July 15, 2022**, 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 and in the “open” status are subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

In growing area CCB41 all other bivalve mollusks and carnivorous snails remain closed to harvesting with the exception of the landing of the adductor muscle of scallops.

AREAS OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS

CCB41 – CCB47

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas CCB41, CCB42, CCB43, CCB44, CCB45, CCB46, and CCB47 Marshfield, Duxbury, Kingston and Plymouth.

Sincerely,

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

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

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