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Mayors and Select Boards of the following Cities and Towns:
Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rockport, Rowley, and Salisbury

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that certain bivalve shellfish from the below-defined areas no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP)) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards. Areas N1 and N3 through N14 remain closed to the harvest of surf clams (*Spisula solidissima*), ocean quahogs (*Arctica islandica*) and carnivorous snails.

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and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures for shellfish issued on June 16, 2022, will be rescinded at sunrise on Thursday, July 21, 2022, in the below-defined areas for all shellfish, except surf clams, ocean quahogs and carnivorous snails. Shellfish in classification areas within N1, and N3 through N14 currently classified as **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** and in the "open" status may be harvested on Thursday, July 21, 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 previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF SHELLFISH
Except Surf clams, Ocean Quahogs and Carnivorous Snails
N1 and N3 through N14

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N1, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, and N14 in the Cities of Gloucester and Newburyport, and the Towns of Essex, Ipswich, Newbury, Rockport, Rowley, and Salisbury.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns