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To the selectmen of the following towns: Eastham and Chatham

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that **bivalve shellfish** from areas **SC:52N, Chatham Harbor North, in the Town of Chatham and OC:6, Salt Pond, in the Town of Eastham** defined below **no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison-(PSP))** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium (spp.)* in excess of established standards. Both areas remain closed to the harvesting of **Moon snails (*Polinices duplicatus* and *Lunatia heros*)**.

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the PSP closures for **bivalve shellfish** on June 20, 2008 in area SC:52N and on May 14, 2008 in area OC:6 **will be rescinded at sunrise on July 24, 2008**. Bivalve shellfish in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status may now be harvested 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. Both areas, **SC:52N and OC:6**, remain **closed** to the harvesting of **Moon snails (*Polinices duplicatus* and *Lunatia heros*)**.

**Status: Open to Bivalve Shellfish Harvesting**

These areas remain closed to the harvesting of **Moon snails (*Polinices duplicatus* and *Lunatia heros*)**.

**SC:52N CHATHAM HARBOR NORTH**

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of Chatham Harbor in the Town of Chatham, north of a line drawn along the northern edge of the South Beach Bar extending from Chatham Lighthouse to the New Inlet; west of a line drawn across the New Inlet; easterly of a line drawn

from Allen Point to the southeast tip of Strong Island; and southerly of a line drawn across the northern end of the bay along the Chatham/Orleans Town Line from the north tip of Strong Island to Nauset Beach.”

**OC:6 SALT POND, EASTHAM**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Salt Pond in the Town of Eastham, westerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Salt Pond.”

Sincerely,

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