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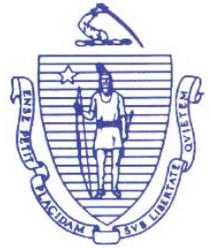
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To the Selectboards and Mayors of:

Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that certain shellfish species 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 through N14 remain closed to the harvesting of carnivorous snails, ocean quahogs, surf clams and whole sea scallops.

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General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, PSP closures will be rescinded at sunrise on Friday, July 4, 2014 in the below-defined areas. Shellfish, except carnivorous snails, ocean quahogs, surf clams and whole sea scallops, in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "OPEN" status may be harvested on Friday, July 4, 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.

### N1 through N14

**Status: OPEN to the harvesting of shellfish, except carnivorous snails, ocean quahogs, surf clams and whole sea scallops**

"The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, N14 in the towns of Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury."

Sincerely,

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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns