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The Mayor of Newburyport
60 Pleasant Street
City Hall
Newburyport, MA 01950

The Board of Selectmen, Salisbury
5 Beach Road
Town Hall
Salisbury, MA 01952

Members of the Select Board, Newbury
12 Kent Way
Town Hall
Byfield, MA 01922

Dear Mayor and Members of the Select Boards:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined certain shellfish from shellfish growing area N2 Merrimack River no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP)) from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards. Shellfish growing area N2 remains 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and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures for shellfish issued on June 16, 2022, will be partly rescinded at sunrise on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, for all shellfish, except surf clams, ocean quahogs and carnivorous snails. Shellfish in the below-defined area currently classified as **CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED** and in the “open” status may be **HARVESTED FOR DEPURATION** on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, sections 52 and 75, and subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED

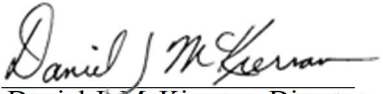
Status: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF SHELLFISH

Except Surf clams, Ocean Quahogs, and Carnivorous snails

“The waters, flats and tributaries of the Merrimack River in the City of Newburyport and the Towns of Newbury and Salisbury.”

On Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at sunrise, this area will revert to an open status unless further word is received from the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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