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Mayors and Select Boards of the following Cities and Towns:

Boston, Braintree, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Weymouth, Winthrop.

Ladies and 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. **These areas remain closed to the harvesting of carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops (with the exception of the adductor muscle of the sea scallop).**

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CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closures issued on June 12, 2008, and June 23, 2022, will be **partially rescinded at sunrise on Saturday, September 17, 2022**, in the below-defined areas. Shellfish, except carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops, in areas currently classified as CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED and in the "open" status may be HARVESTED FOR DEPURATION on **Saturday, September 17, 2022**, subject to the 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.

**STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF SHELLFISH
except carnivorous snails and whole sea scallops**

GBH1 – GBH6

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas GBH1, GBH2, GBH3, GBH4, GBH5, and GBH6, in the cities and towns of Boston, Braintree, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Weymouth, Winthrop.

Sincerely,

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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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