



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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Beverly, Boston, Danvers, Lynn, Manchester-by-the-sea, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Revere, Salem, Saugus, Swampscott, Winthrop.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) from the below-defined areas **no longer contain biotoxins (Paralytic Shellfish Poison - (PSP))** from the phytoplankton *Alexandrium* (spp.) in excess of established standards.

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sections 74A and 75 and 322 CMR sections 7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closure issued on June 23, 2022, will be **rescinded at sunrise on Saturday, September 17, 2022**, in the below-defined areas. Shellfish in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the “open” status may be harvested on **Saturday, September 17, 2022**, 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.

### **STATUS: OPEN TO THE HARVEST OF SHELLFISH**

#### **N15 through N28**

The waters, flats, and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N15, N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, and N28 in the cities and towns of Beverly, Boston, Danvers, Lynn, Manchester-by-the-sea, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Revere, Salem, Saugus, Swampscott, Winthrop.

Sincerely,

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MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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