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Honorable Coastal Mayors and Select Boards of: Essex, Gloucester,
Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below defined shellfish classification areas, which were closed on January 4, 2018 due to the effects of a major coastal storm now meet the standards of the established criteria for their respective classifications and with a status of "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING."

Therefore, the below defined "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" areas shall be re-opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption based upon rainfall at sunrise on January 6, 2018.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

STATUS: OPEN TO SHELLFISHING

The waters, flats and all tributaries in the above-listed cities and towns within growing areas N4, N5, and N7.

Additionally, the below defined "APPROVED" areas shall be re-opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption at sunrise on January 6, 2018.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

STATUS: OPEN TO SHELLFISHING

The waters and flats in the above-listed cities and towns from the southernmost breakwater at the entrance of the Merrimack River to the southeastern most point of Castle Neck, areas N3 and N6.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David E. Pierce". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

David E. Pierce
Director

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Shellfish Constables of the above cities and towns