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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP)** toxin (also known as “Red Tide”) in shellfish, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has closed for harvest softshell clams (*Mya arenaria*) and razor clams (*Ensis leei*) in shellfish growing areas **N1** through **N28**, and ALL shellfish and carnivorous snails in areas **MB1** through **MB14**.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined areas will be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**" effective at **3:00 PM Thursday July 15, 2021**. Digging, harvesting or collecting, and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect and the possession of softshell and razor clams in shellfish growing areas **N1** through **N28**, and ALL shellfish and carnivorous snails in areas **MB1** through **MB14** is prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of softshell and razor clams in shellfish growing areas **N1** through **N28**, and ALL shellfish and carnivorous snails in areas **MB1** through **MB14**. These areas will remain closed until further notice.

AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF SOFTSHELL CLAMS AND RAZOR CLAMS

N1-N28

The waters, flats, and tributaries in shellfish growing areas N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, N14, N15, N16, N17, N18, N19, N20, N21, N22, N23, N24, N25, N26, N27, and N28 in the cities and towns of Amesbury, Beverly, Boston, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Lynn, Manchester-by-the-sea, Marblehead, Nahant, Newbury, Newburyport, Peabody, Revere, Rockport, Rowley, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Swampscott, Winthrop and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth.

**AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH AND
CARNIVOROUS SNAILS**

MB1-MB14

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas MB1, MB2, MB3, MB4, MB5, MB6, MB7, MB8, MB9, MB10, MB11, MB12, MB13, and MB14 in the cities and towns of Boston, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hull, Marshfield, Plymouth, Scituate, and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth.

All previous bacterial and marine biotoxin closures remain in effect.

Sincerely,



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Director

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