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June 22, 2022

To the Selectmen/Mayor of the following municipalities:

Plymouth, Duxbury, Kingston, Marshfield, Scituate, Cohasset, Hull and Boston

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP)** toxin (also known as “Red Tide”) in shellfish the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries is closing blue mussel (*Mytilus edulis*) harvest in shellfish growing areas from **MB1 through MB14** and **CCB41 through CCB47**.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined area for the harvest of blue mussels is changing to “**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**”, effective at sunrise on **Thursday June 23, 2022**. Digging, harvesting, or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest, or collect blue mussels and the possession of blue mussels from the below-defined area are prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling, or possession of shellfish from the below-defined area.

AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF BLUE MUSSELS

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 towns of Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury and Plymouth, the City of Boston and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth.

CCB41 – CCB47

The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing areas CCB41, CCB42, CCB43, CCB44, CCB45, CCB46, and CCB47 Marshfield, Duxbury, Kingston and Plymouth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
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Shellfish Constables of the above Cities and Towns