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Ladies & Gentlemen,

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that Surf clams (*Spisula solidissima*) from the areas defined below 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 Ocean quahaugs (*Arctica islandia*) with the exception of the adductor of the Sea scallop (*Placopectin magellanicus*).

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7.01 (7), 7.02 and 10.00, the PSP closure for Surf clams (*Spisula solidissima*) enacted on June 4, 2014 will be rescinded at sunrise on September 13, 2014 in the below defined areas. Surf clams (*Spisula solidissima*) in areas currently classified as APPROVED and in the "open" status may now be harvested 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 and in the "open" status are subject to the classification conditions. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

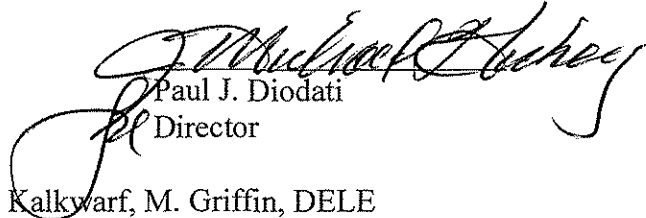
Status: OPEN to the harvest of Surf clams (*Spisula solidissima*). The area remains closed to the harvesting of carnivorous snails, Ocean quahogs (*Arctica islandia*) and whole Sea scallops (*Placopectin magellanicus*) with the exception of the adductor of the sea scallops. All previous bacterial closures remain in effect.

OVER

N1 – N14

“The waters, flats and tributaries in shellfish growing area N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13 and N14 in the towns of Salisbury, Newbury, Rowley, Ipswich, Essex and Rockport and the Cities of Newburyport and Gloucester and marine waters managed by the Commonwealth..”

Sincerely,



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Director

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