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PSP Closure - All Shellfish in Nauset Harbor and Town Cove (OC2 and OC4)

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

Based on credible reports by scientific staff at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution of potentially high *Alexandrium* sp. cell counts, The Division of Marine Fisheries has enacted a precautionary closure to all shellfishing within the below-defined areas (OC:2 and OC:4) in the Towns of Orleans and Eastham due to possible concentrations of **Paralytic Shellfish Poison** toxin (also known as "Red Tide") from the dinoflagellate *Alexandrium* sp.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined areas have been changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING". Effective immediately, digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below-defined areas 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 shellfish from the below-defined areas.

AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH

Nauset Harbor

OC:2

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Nauset Harbor in the Towns of Eastham and Orleans, northerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Mill Pond in the Town of Orleans; southerly of a line drawn across the Middle Channel at the Eastham/Orleans town line; southerly of a line drawn across the southern mouth of the Hemenway River in the Town of Eastham; and easterly of a line drawn across the mouth of Town Cove."

Town Cove

OC:4

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Town Cove in the Towns of Eastham and Orleans, southwesterly of a line drawn from Snow Point in the Town of Orleans to the western side of the mouth to the Hemenway River at Fort Hill in the Town of Eastham."

Sincerely,

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Director

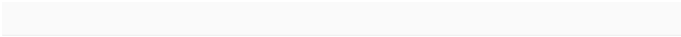
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