

NOTICE OF PRODUCT RECALL RESULTING FROM A GROWING AREA CLOSURE DUE TO DIARRHETIC SHELLFISH POISONING (DSP)

On July 14, 2022 the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) received test results that indicated a single sample of blue mussels harvested from growing area MA-OC5, Nauset Marsh, exceeded the NSSP toxicity limit for DSP. MA-OC5, and adjacent growing areas MA-OC2, OC3, OC4, and OC6, have been closed to harvest of bivalve shellfish and carnivorous snails.

The sample was collected by DMF on July 11, 2022. An investigation conducted by DMF and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) identified a single harvester that harvested blue mussels from growing area MA-OC5 on July 10, 12, and 13, 2022. The harvester is also a certified dealer, Native Cape Cod Shellfish, MA 8821 SS, AQ. Distribution of the implicated mussels was limited to local retail establishments and no mussels were distributed to other MA dealers or shellfish dealers/retail establishments outside of MA. On July 14, the dealer initiated a recall of all blue mussels harvested on July 10, 12, and 13, 2022.

The firm has completed its recall and provided a distribution list to MDPH of the MA establishments that received mussels. All mussels have been accounted for and MDPH has alerted local boards of health of the recall. Local health inspectors will conduct follow-up with each of the retail establishments that received mussels.

This email serves to notify ISSC and the FDA Shellfish Specialist of the recall and resulting investigation. The Point of Contact for this matter is Eric Hickey, Assistant Director, Food Protection Program, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, eric.hickey@mass.gov or 617-983-6747.