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NOTICE OF RECALL – STATE OF MAINE

The Maine Department of Marine Resources is in the process of recalling mussels harvested from Frenchman’s Bay due to elevated levels of Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning (ASP).

On September 15, 2017, the Department of Marine Resources received Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning (ASP) scores from mussel samples collected from Frenchman’s Bay in eastern Maine. These samples were collected in response to a widespread and abundant bloom of the phytoplankton *Pseudo-nitzschia* which causes ASP. DMR is initiating a recall of mussels harvested from Frenchman’s Bay (east of Trenton Bridge and East Point, Mount Desert and west of Cranberry Point, Corea) from September 10th through September 14th. The harvest area was closed at 10:45 am on September 14th for all species of bivalve shellfish and carnivorous snails. This recall is being initiated in response to ASP scores exceeding the established threshold of 20 ppm. All dealers are instructed to follow their existing recall procedures, report product recalled and companies involved to DMR; all product should be destroyed.

The following dealers have been notified and are in the process of contacting their customers:

Atlantic Shellfish:	ME 150 SS	PO Box 235, Jonesport ME 04649
Eastern Maine Mussel:	ME 123 SS	PO Box 24, Hancock ME 04640
Moosabec Mussels Inc.:	ME 310 SS	PO Box 267, Jonesport ME 04649
Pemaquid Oyster Company:	ME 95 SS	PO Box 302, Waldoboro ME 04572
Stewardship GEM LLC:	ME 381 SS	10 Bunchberry Road, Bar Harbor ME 04609

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