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## **FISHERY CLOSURE EXTENDED IN NORTHEASTERN FEDERAL WATERS AFFECTED BY HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM**

NOAA Fisheries Service will retain a closure of federal waters north of Cape Cod to the harvest of most bivalve mollusks through December 31, 2005. The southern portion of the original closure area was reopened to most bivalve mollusk harvest on September 9. The entire area was initially closed in June, and remains closed to the harvest of whole and/or roe-on Atlantic sea scallops. For more information on the extended closure and a chart of the area, visit us [here](#).

NOAA Fisheries Service is dedicated to protecting and preserving our nation's living marine resources and their habitats through scientific research, management and enforcement. NOAA Fisheries Service provides effective stewardship of these resources for the benefit of the nation, supporting coastal communities that depend upon them, and helping to provide safe and healthy seafood to consumers and recreational opportunities for the American public.

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