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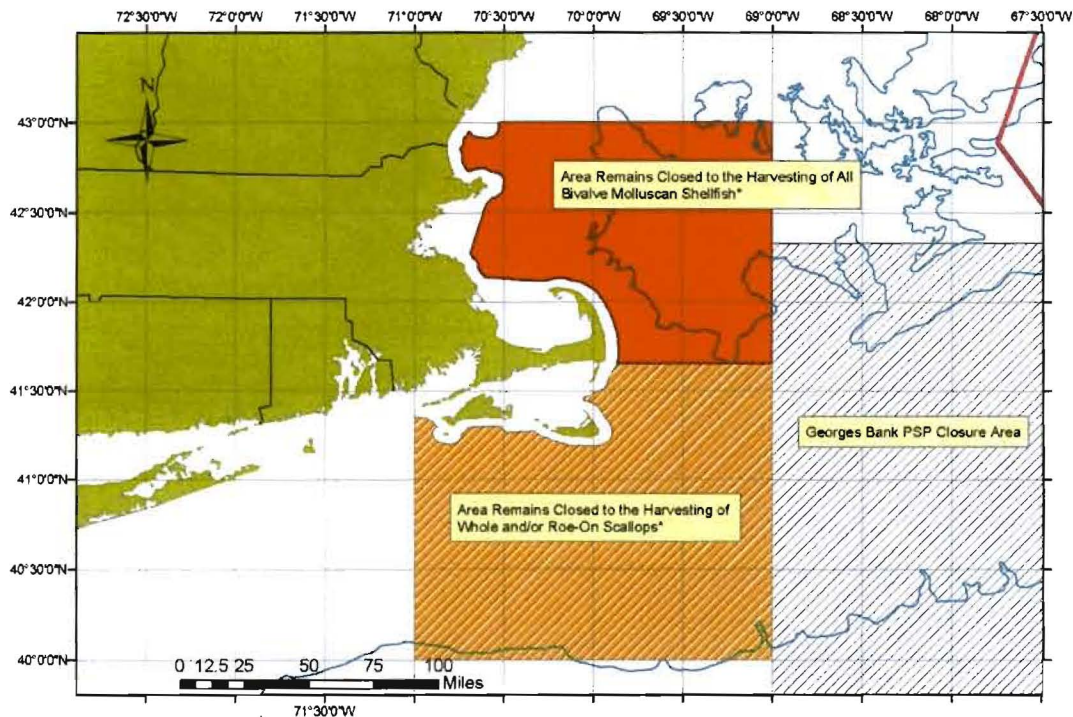
Surfclam/Ocean Quahog and Sea Scallop Fisheries
 Extension of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning Closure (PSP) Areas
Effective Date 1/1/2012

Due to the possible presence of red tides, which produce the toxins that cause PSP, the temporary PSP closure areas are extended for another year through December 31, 2012. These areas remain unchanged from the previous year and are defined below. Please visit www.nero.noaa.gov/sfd/clams/ for more information. If you have any questions please call us at (978) 281-9177.

Northern Temporary PSP Closure Area		
Closed to harvest of bivalve molluscan shellfish fishing, with the exception of sea scallop adductor muscles harvested and shucked at sea.		
Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	43° 00' N	71° 00' W
2	43° 00' N	69° 00' W
3	41° 39' N	69° 00' W
4	41° 39' N	71° 00' W

Southern Temporary PSP Closure Area		
Closed to the harvest of whole or roe-on scallops with all other bivalve shellfish harvests permitted.		
Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	41° 39' N	71° 00' W
2	41° 39' N	69° 00' W
3	40° 00' N	69° 00' W
4	40° 00' N	71° 00' W

Continuation of the Emergency Closure of Federal Waters to the Harvest of Shellfish Due to the Toxin that Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)



*Exception allowed for scallop harvesting with onboard shucking of the adductor muscle only.

This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.

