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Massachusetts Shellfish Recall Notice March 27, 2018

Areas covered by recall: Ipswich River (N5)
Product involved in recall: Soft shell clams, and razor clams
Dates involved in recall: From March 14, 2018 to March 26, 2018

Background: Shellfish growing area N5 is part of the Ipswich River, located north of the Town of Ipswich (Attachment A).

On March 1, 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) issued a closure notice for all shellfish growing areas in Massachusetts because of coastal storms. This closure notice was issued in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, and included shellfish growing area N5.

In a notice dated March 8, 2018, DMF advised officials in Gloucester, Essex, Ipswich, Newbury, and Rowley that:

- Areas N4, N7 and N9 could reopen for shellfishing, and
- Areas N1-N3, **N5**, N6, N8 and N10-N14 would remain closed until further notice.

On March 26, 2018, the Town of Ipswich advised DMF that soft shell clams and razor clams may have been harvested from area N5 from March 14, 2018 to March 26, 2018. This preliminary information was shared with the Department of Public Health by phone on March 26, and in writing on March 27, 2018. DMF confirmed that shellfish harvest area N5 is still closed, and is not an approved source of shellfish.

Therefore, pursuant to MGL ch. 130 section 74A, all soft shell clams and razor clams harvested from shellfish harvest area N5 from **March 14, 2018 to March 26, 2018** are to be recalled. Wholesale seafood dealers who distributed these implicated products should recall the products immediately in accordance with their written recall procedures. Wholesale dealers with questions about the recall should contact Supervisor John Racioppi at 617-983-6748 or via email at john.racioppi@state.ma.us.

Shippers should advise consignees that implicated product is not to be sold or shipped, unless advised otherwise by the DPH/BEH Food Protection Program (FPP). As the recall proceeds, FPP should be notified of the quantities of products returned or collected by each consignee contacted and the quantity of products accounted for.

Michael J. Moore, Director
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SHELLFISH SANITATION AND MANAGEMENT

Growing Area Code: N5

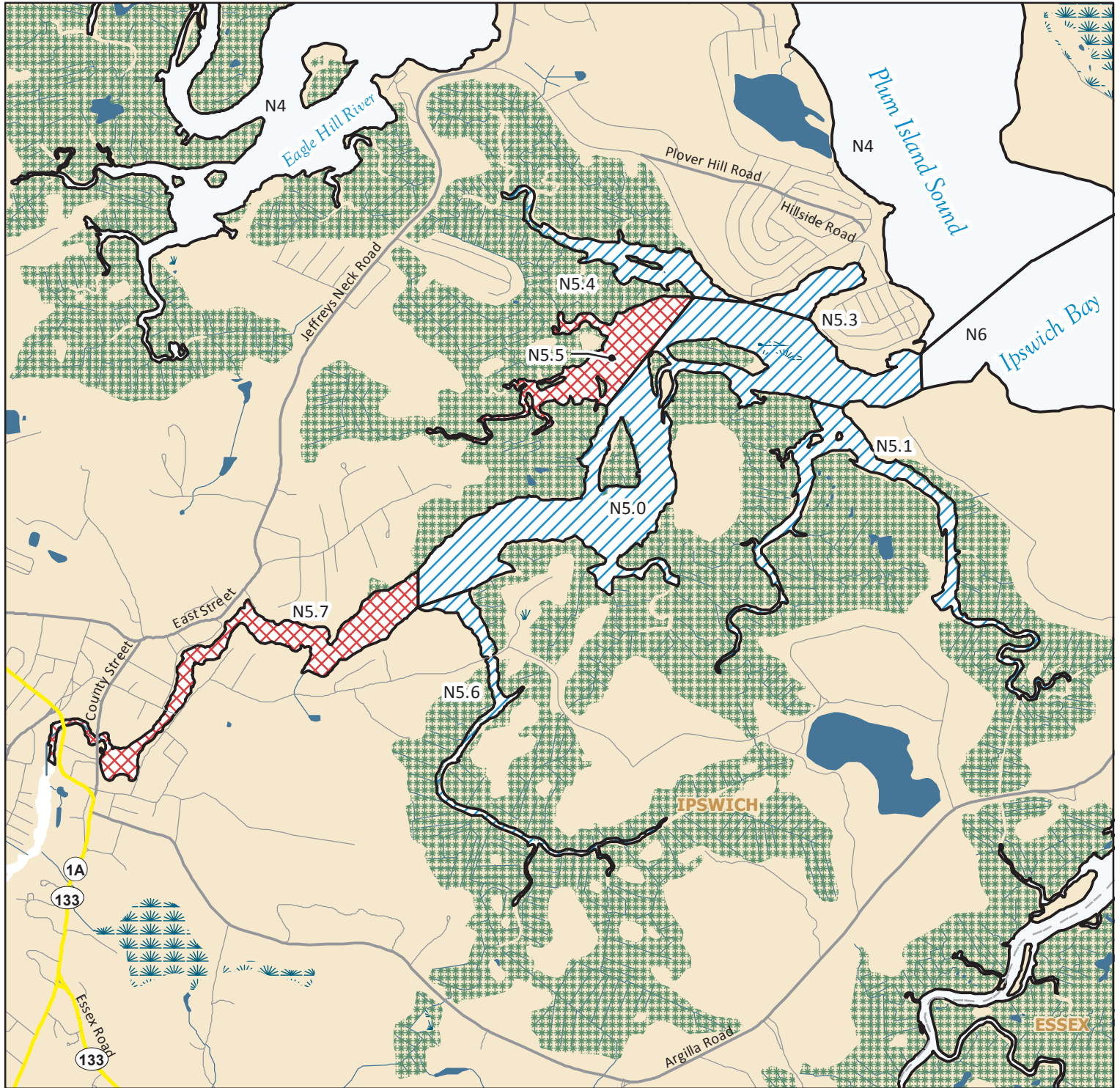
Area Name: IPSWICH RIVER

Area Town(s): Ipswich

Shellfish Area Classification

	Approved		Conditionally Restricted
	Conditionally Approved		Prohibited
	Restricted		

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This map depicts the Marine Fisheries' sanitary classification of shellfish growing waters in accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. It does not indicate the current status, either "open" or "closed" to harvesting due to shellfish management or public health reasons. Always confirm the status with local authorities and/or Marine Fisheries. Information on this map may be out-dated or otherwise incorrect, and should not be relied upon for legal purposes.

- Marsh/Wetland
- Saltmarsh
- Pond/Lake/Reservoir
- Town Boundaries
- Stream/Ditch/Canal

