



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

November 13, 2008

The Honorable Deval L. Patrick
Governor of Massachusetts
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Patrick:

I write to follow up on my earlier response to your letter requesting a determination of a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster affecting the Massachusetts commercial shellfish fishery from the effects of a harmful algal bloom ("red tide"), based on Section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

I have determined that a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster exists under Section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, within the commercial shellfish fisheries of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine in 2008, caused by the effects of a harmful algal bloom.

We will continue to work with the affected States to evaluate the impacts on commercial fishing. If you have any questions, please contact me or Nathaniel F. Wienecke, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable John E. Baldacci
Governor of Maine
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor Baldacci:

I wish to inform you that I have determined that a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster exists under Section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, within the commercial shellfish fisheries of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine in 2008, caused by the effects of a harmful algal bloom.

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The Honorable John H. Lynch
Governor of New Hampshire
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Lynch:

I wish to inform you that I have determined that a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster exists under Section 312(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, within the commercial shellfish fisheries of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine in 2008, caused by the effects of a harmful algal bloom.

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