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Massachusetts Shellfish Recall Notice October 13, 2016

- Areas covered by recall:** Wellfleet Harbor (CCB11)
Herring River (CCB12)
Wellfleet Inner Harbor (CCB13)
Loagy Bay (CCB14)
- Product involved in recall:** Oysters, hard-shell clams ("quahogs"), soft-shell clams ("steamers"), mussels, and razor clams
- Dates involved in recall:** From September 26, 2016 to October 13, 2016
(inclusive)

Background: On October 13, 2016, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) issued a finding that two or more cases of an illness with Norovirus-like symptoms were linked to the consumption of raw shellfish harvested from CCB11 and CCB14.

Since areas CCB11 through CCB14 are all contiguous and part of the same hydrographic area, all of these areas were closed to shellfish harvesting by the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries.

Shellfish harvested from these areas from **September 26, 2016 to October 13, 2016** are to be recalled. Wholesale seafood dealers who distributed implicated product should initiate recalls of all shellfish from these areas immediately. 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 with shellfish lots affected by this closure and recall are in the process of initiating recalls. The following information should be collected during the recall of implicated products:

- 1) Harvest location and harvest dates affected by this recall,
- 2) The names and contact information of consignees who received this product, and
- 3) Types and quantities of shellfish that have been shipped from these areas.

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

Wholesale Seafood Dealers who are Primary Buyers in possession of aquaculture reared shellfish identified under this recall may be allowed to be return shellfish to aquaculturists for re-submergence. Only shellfish that can be linked to individual aquaculturists may be returned for re-submergence. Prior to returning any shellfish to aquaculturists, primary buyers must first contact the DMF Aquaculture Specialist Chris Schillaci at (978)380-4211 or via email at christopher.schillaci@state.ma.us for authorization

If recalled shellfish is identified, the product should be placed on hold or under embargo, and stored in a manner that clearly identifies that the product should not be sold. Then notify the supplier and follow the recall instructions of the supplier.

Restaurants and retail establishments may have received product from a Massachusetts certified dealer or an ICSSL listed dealer. Not all dealers who may have shipped the affected product have been identified yet.



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