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Mr. Timothy R. Carroll
Executive Secretary
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Dear Mr. Carroll,

I am a researcher with U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development, Atlantic Ecology Division, in Rhode Island. We're developing a survey that will ask people about recreation, including recreational shellfishing, in coastal waters of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, in order to estimate the value of improving water quality in coastal waters. We want to make sure our sample includes people who shellfish recreationally, so we are requesting names and addresses of recreational license holders from towns that require shellfishing licenses.

From the full list of license holders, we'll be drawing a sample of people who will receive our survey in the mail in the summer of 2017. We will ensure that all personal information is protected and remains confidential. All names and addresses and any other identifying information that we compile will be stored in password-protected computer folders; no personally identifying information will be associated with survey responses; and we will delete all names and addresses from our files once the survey is complete.

We would appreciate your help with our study by sharing the contact information of license holders. Once the study is complete, we will be happy to share the results with you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marisa Mazzotta".

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