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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2013-09

Pursuant to statutory authority granted to the Department of Environmental Protection at N.J.S.A. 58:24-2, and to ensure that the public health is not at risk from the consumption of shellfish that may have been subjected to pollution or other condition that may render the shellfish dangerous to health, by Administrative Order 2013-08 signed by me on July 19, 2013, the Department suspended the oyster harvest from Shell Rock oyster beds in the New Jersey waters of Delaware Bay as a result of two (2) illnesses from the naturally occurring pathogen *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*.

Based on the results of analysis of shellfish tissue samples, the lack of additional reported illnesses, and changes in environmental factors such that the waters of the Shell Rock oyster beds are less advantageous to the growth of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, the Department has determined that shellfish from the Shell Rock oyster beds in the New Jersey waters of the Delaware Bay are now safe for harvesting in accordance with the Shellfish Growing Water Classification rules at N.J.A.C. 7:12.

Accordingly, the Department hereby re-opens the oyster harvest within Shell Rock oyster beds and the area affected by the suspension as delineated on the attached map effective immediately.

Administrative Order Number 2013-08 signed by me on July 19, 2013 is hereby superseded and repealed.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: 8/15/2013


Bob Martin, Commissioner

**Vp Shellfish Harvest Reopening: Shell Rock
(see crosshatch area, effective 8/15/2013)**

