

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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RE-OPENING OF SHELLFISH BEDS

Beach Haven, Ocean County (Barnegat Bay)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Public Notice of Re-opening of Shellfish Beds

On November 4, 2011 the Department issued an emergency closure of 94.5 acres of seasonally approved waters to shellfish harvest, pursuant to statutory authority granted the Department of Environmental Protection at N.J.S.A. 13:1B-4 and 58:24-1 et seq., to assure that the public health was not imperiled by the consumption of shellfish that may have been subject to degraded water quality from the dewatering of dredge spoils in the vicinity of the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club (permit #1503-07-0006.1) Beach Haven, Ocean County.

The Department has determined that the 94.5 acres of waters in question are now safe for the harvesting of shellfish in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:12 et seq., and I therefore revoke the prohibition, returning these waters to their prior classification of Seasonally Approved effective immediately.

Specifically the areas involved with this re-opening include:

All New Jersey state waters contained within an area originating from a point of land at the end of Amber St, Beach Haven (74°14'47.96"W, 39°33'52.05"N) heading west to the northern most point of land of the upper Mordecai Island (74°14'56.70"W, 39°33'52.40"N), then following the western shoreline of upper Mordecai Island in a southerly direction, then crossing a channel from a point of land at 74°15'4.71"W, 39°33'39.21"N to a point of land at 74°15'6.78"W, 39°33'35.34"N and following the western shoreline of lower Mordecai Island in a southerly direction to a point of land on lower Mordecai Island (74°15'15.34"W, 39°33'19.74"N), and then crossing the Intercoastal Waterway to a point of land near the western end of Leeward Ave., Beach Haven (74°15'20.80"W, 39°33'16.42"N) then following the shoreline of Long Beach Island back to the original point of land at the end of Amber St., Beach Haven (74°14'47.96"W, 39°33'52.05"N).

DATE:

Bob Martin, Commissioner

Waters involved in this re-opening order are shaded in black.

