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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2013-05

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 2012-10a signed by me on October 26, 2012, effective immediately after sunrise on October 29, 2012, the Department closed all waters of the State to shellfish harvest because of potentially degraded water quality resulting from Hurricane Sandy.

The Department has determined, through monitoring of water quality and analysis of shellfish tissue that the coastal waters of New Jersey are now safe for the harvesting of certain shellfish, as specified below, in accordance with the Shellfish Growing Water Classification rules at N.J.A.C. 7:12.

Accordingly, the Department hereby:

1. Returns the following waters to their prior classification and opens them to all shellfishing effective at sunrise (6:24am) on April 12, 2013:

All of the New Jersey State waters within Barnegat Bay.

2. Returns all waters of the State of New Jersey to their prior classification and opens them to all shellfishing effective at sunrise (6:10am) on April 15, 2013.

Current shellfish classification maps of New Jersey's coastal waters are available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/bmw/waterclass.htm>.

Administrative Order Number 2012-10a signed by me on October 26, 2012, paragraph 2 of Administrative Order Number 2013-04 signed by me on April 4, 2013, and all previous Administrative Orders or portions thereof that are inconsistent with this Order, are hereby superseded and repealed.

Dated: 4/11/2013


Bob Martin, Commissioner