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REVOCATION OF SHELLFISH BED CLOSURE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAND USE MANAGEMENT

Public Notice of Revocation of Condemnation of Shellfish Beds


Pursuant to statutory authority granted the Department of Environmental Protection appearing at N.J.S.A. 13:1B-4 and 58:24-1 et seq., and to assure that the public health is not imperiled by the consumption of shellfish that may be subject to pollution or to any other conditions which may render shellfish dangerous to health because of degraded water quality resulting from exceptional rainfall in the NY/NJ Harbor area and the resulting impact on the waters of Raritan Bay, Sandy Hook Bay, Navesink River and Shrewsbury River in Monmouth County, effective April 16, 2007, the Department condemned and prohibited the harvesting of all shellfish from those State waters previously classified as Seasonally Approved and Special Restricted in the Middlesex County and Monmouth County area.

As provided for in the aforementioned prohibition, having determined through sample monitoring that the waters of the Raritan Bay and a portion of Sandy Hook Bay (specified below) that were previously classified as Special Restricted are now safe for the harvesting of shellfish under New Jersey's Special Permit Program, I revoke the prohibition on these waters and return them to their prior classification effective May 4, 2007. Specifically, this revocation applies to the Seasonally Approved waters of the Navesink River and Shrewsbury River and those waters in the Raritan Bay and Sandy Hook Bay that have the following section designations under New Jersey's Special Permit Program:

Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 (see attached map).

These waters are in addition to the waters covered by the Partial Revocation Order that was effective on April 25, 2007. Please be advised that while the Seasonally Approved waters of the Navesink River and Shrewsbury River return to their normal status effective May 4, 2007, these waters will not become harvestable until November 1, 2007 since these Seasonally Approved waters are normally closed to harvest from May through October.

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