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SUSPENSION OF HARVEST FROM SHELLFISH BEDS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice of the Suspension of Harvest from Shellfish Beds Dangerous to Health

Pursuant to statutory authority granted the Department of Environmental Protection appearing at N.J.S.A. 13:1B and 58:24-1 et seq., and at N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.5(a) and (b), 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, the Department hereby suspends harvest of all shellfish, from those State waters located in the northern section of the Delaware Bay, previously classified as Approved, specifically as described below:

There are approximately 334 acres of shellfish waters located throughout the Northern section of the Delaware Bay in four different locations along the shoreline as follows:

The following shellfish waters are reclassified from Approved to Special Restricted.

• Approximately 10.5 acres southwest of False Egg Island Point including a portion of the Delaware Bay beginning at a point southeast of the mouth of Straight Creek at Latitude 39 degrees 12 minutes 5.6 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 9 minutes 55.0 seconds W., and bearing approximately 197 degrees T to a point in the Delaware Bay at Latitude 39 degrees 11 minutes 59.5 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees T to a point in the Delaware Bay at Latitude 39 degrees 11 minutes 59.6 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 10 minutes 5.3 seconds W., then bearing approximately 17 degrees T to a point northwest of the mouth of Straight Creek at Latitude 39 degrees 12 minutes 7.8 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 10 minutes 2.1 seconds W.; (see figure #1)

The following shellfish waters are reclassified from Approved to Seasonally Approved (Nov. to Apr.).

• Approximately 183.4 acres west of Sea Breeze contained within a line beginning at a point northwest of the town of Sea Breeze at Latitude 39 degrees 19 minutes 58.3 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 19 minutes 35.0 seconds W., then bearing approximately 280 degrees T to a point at Latitude 39 degrees 19 minutes 58.7 seconds W., Longitude 75 degrees 19 minutes 17.2 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 19 minutes 36.0 seconds W., then bearing 91 degrees T to a point on the shoreline west of the town of Sea Breeze at Latitude 39 degrees 19 minutes 17.2 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 19 minutes 14.3 seconds W., then back to the point of origin and terminating; (see figure #2)

The following shellfish waters are reclassified from Approved to Seasonally Approved (Nov. to Apr.).

Approximately 129.6 acres southwest of Bayside including the waters northeast of a line from a point west of the mouth of Stow Creek at Latitude 39 degrees 22 minutes 52.5 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 24 minutes 28.3 seconds W., and bearing approximately 143] degrees T to a point northwest of the mouth of Jacobs Creek at Latitude 39 degrees 22 minutes 2.4 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 23 minutes 39.2 seconds W., (see figure #3)

The following shellfish waters are reclassified from Approved to Seasonally Approved (Nov. to Apr.).

• Approximately 10.4 acres northwest of Cherry Tree Creek including all of the waters contained within a line beginning at a point south of the mouth of Cherry Tree Creek at Latitude 39 degrees 24 minutes 1.1 seconds N, Longitude 75 degrees 26 minutes 20.3 seconds W, then bearing approximately 269 degrees T to a point at Latitude 39 degrees 24 minutes 1.0 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 26 minutes 27.9 seconds W., then bearing approximately 349 degrees T to a point southeast of the mouth of Lower Deep Creek at Latitude 39 degrees 24 minutes 8.8 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 26 minutes 29.7 seconds W., then along the shoreline in a southeasterly direction to a point north of the mouth of Cherry Tree Creek at Latitude 39 degrees 24 minutes 1.6 seconds N., Longitude 75 degrees 26 minutes 19.8 seconds W., then bearing 217 degrees T back to the point of origin and terminating; (see figure #4)

This prohibition shall take effect immediately and continue pending the establishment by rulemaking of the appropriate classification and boundaries of the waters as Prohibited, Special Restricted or Seasonal Special Restricted.

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