



# State of New Jersey

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### WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) routinely monitors water quality in shellfish growing areas throughout New Jersey to ensure the wholesomeness of shellfish intended for human consumption. Analysis of water samples indicates that the waters in the areas of High Bar Harbor and Ludlam Bay no longer meet their current shellfish growing water classifications as set forth in the Shellfish Growing Water Classification rules at N.J.A.C. 7:12, [https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/rules/rules/njac7\\_12.pdf](https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/rules/rules/njac7_12.pdf).

**TAKE NOTICE**, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.4(a) and (b) and the statutory authority granted the Department at N.J.S.A. 58:24-2 to protect the public health from the risk posed by the consumption of shellfish that may have been subjected to pollution or other conditions that may render the shellfish dangerous to health, I hereby immediately suspend the harvest of shellfish from the following waters, as further described below:

#### **High Bar Harbor (221.9 acres)**

#### **Ludlam Bay (33.7 acres)**

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.3, the waters in the aforementioned areas are classified as *Approved* (High Bar Harbor and Ludlam Bay). To be classified as *Approved*, the bacteriological quality of water samples at every sample station in the growing area shall not exceed the fecal coliform median or geometric mean of 14 colony-forming units (CFU) per 100 milliliters (ml) and the estimated 90th percentile shall not exceed 31 CFU per 100 ml. For more information on shellfish growing water classifications please see the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP), Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish, 2023 Revision, incorporated by reference at N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.3(a) and available at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website: <https://www.fda.gov/food/federalstate-food-programs/national-shellfish-sanitation-program-nssp>.

Water sampling data collected by the Department indicate that the water samples from the waters in the aforementioned areas do not meet the fecal coliform standards for *Approved* waters. The suspension of harvest shall take effect immediately and continue pending the establishment by rulemaking of the appropriate classification and boundaries of the waters as *Prohibited*, *Restricted*, *Conditionally Restricted*, *Conditionally Approved* or *Approved*, as provided by N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.3, or until further determination by the Department that the area of water subject to the suspension meets the standards for its current classification.

**Date:** 10/4/24 \_\_\_\_\_

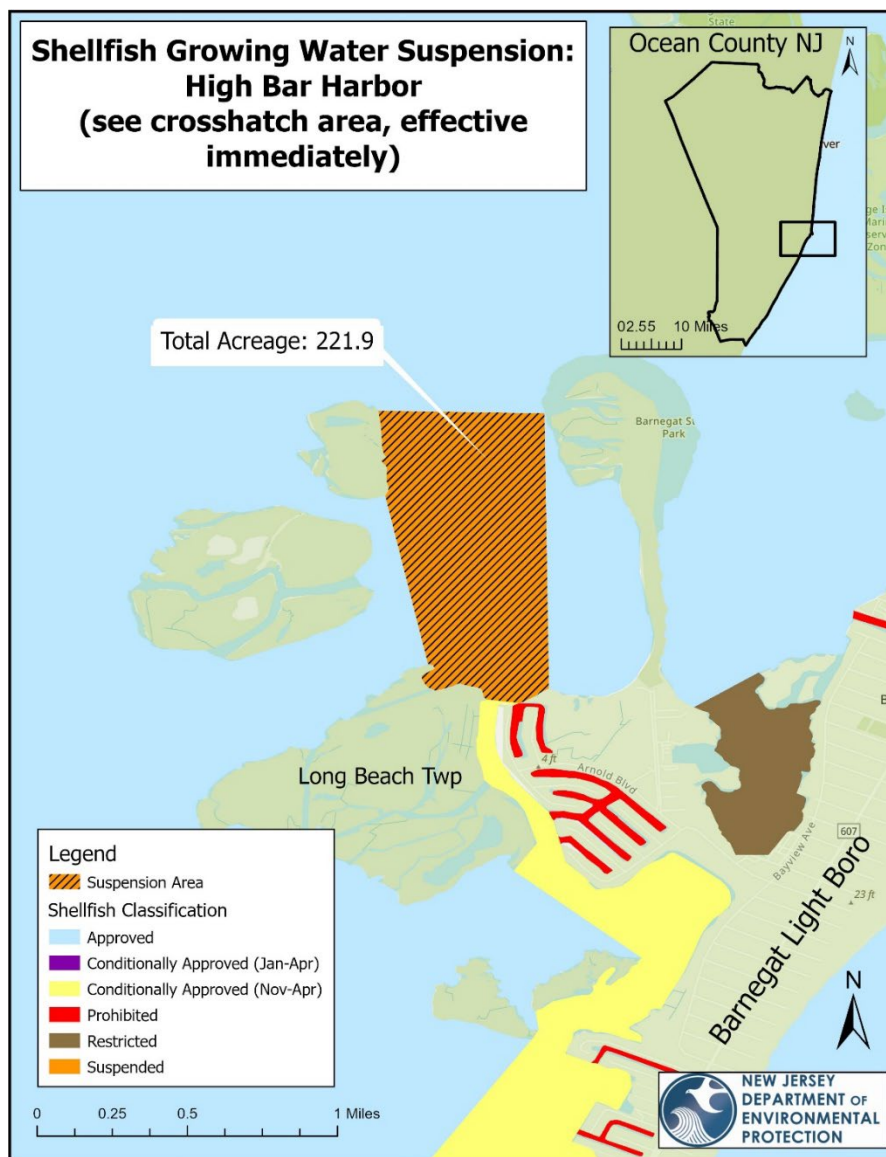
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## High Bar Harbor (221.9 acres)

All waters enclosed in an area beginning at a point with coordinates of longitude 74 degrees 7 minutes 29.85 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 46 minutes 17.02 seconds N moving across the waterway in a westerly direction to a point with coordinates of longitude 74 degrees 7 minutes 58.63 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 46 minutes 17.44 seconds N moving along the shoreline in a southerly direction to a point with coordinates of longitude 74 degrees 7 minutes 57.44 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 46 minutes 2.72 seconds N moving across the waterway in a south easterly direction to a point with coordinates of longitude 74 degrees 7 minutes 50.03 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 45 minutes 33.62 seconds N moving along the shoreline in a south easterly direction crossing over any creeks, tributaries and lagoons to a point with coordinates of longitude 74 degrees 7 minutes 29.06 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 45 minutes 29.30 seconds N moving across the waterway in a northerly direction to the point of origin and terminating.



### **Ludlam Bay area (33.7 acres)**

All waters enclosed in an area beginning at a point with coordinates of longitude 74 degrees 41 minutes 3.3 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 10 minutes 42.3 seconds N, then bearing northwest to a point with coordinates of longitude 74 degrees 41 minutes 9.7 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 10 minutes 50.1 seconds N, then bearing southwest to a point with coordinates of longitude 74 degrees 41 minutes 27.2 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 10 minutes 43.4 seconds N, then bearing southeast to a point with coordinates of longitude 74 degrees 41 minutes 20.2 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 10 minutes 35.2 seconds N, then bearing northeast back to the point of origin and terminating.

This 33.7 acres suspension of harvest of Ludlum Bay is in addition to the [May 4, 2022 suspension of harvest](#) of 264.3 acres in the eastern portion of Ludlum Bay that is still in effect.

