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PARTIAL REOPENING OF SHELLFISH BEDS

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Public Notice of Partial Reopening 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 conditions from Hurricane Irene and the resulting impact on the waters of the State of New Jersey, the Department condemned and prohibited the harvesting of all shellfish from those State waters previously classified as Approved, Seasonally Approved and Special Restricted in the State of New Jersey.

As provided for in the aforementioned prohibition, having determined through monitoring that specific Approved, Seasonally Approved and Special Restricted waters of the coastal areas of New Jersey are now safe for the harvesting of shellfish in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:12 et seq., I revoke the prohibition on these waters and return them to their prior classification.

Specifically the areas involved with this partial reopening include:

All of the coastal back bay waters south of the Metedeconk River to Cape May Point as well as all of the ocean waters of the State of New Jersey.

This reopening applies <u>ONLY</u> to the shellfish waters specified above. All other Approved, Seasonally Approved and Special Restricted waters of the State of New Jersey will continue to be closed until FURTHER NOTICE.

DATE: 9/6/2011

Bob Martin, Commissioner

Waters involved in this partial reopening are shaded in black.

