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# PARTIAL RE-OPENING OF CLOSURE OF SHELLFISH BEDS

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATER MONITORING AND STANDARDS

### Public Notice of Partial Re-opening 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 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 sample 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, effective immediately.

Specifically the areas involved with this partial re-opening include:

*All of the waters north of and including the Metedeconk River through the Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays.*

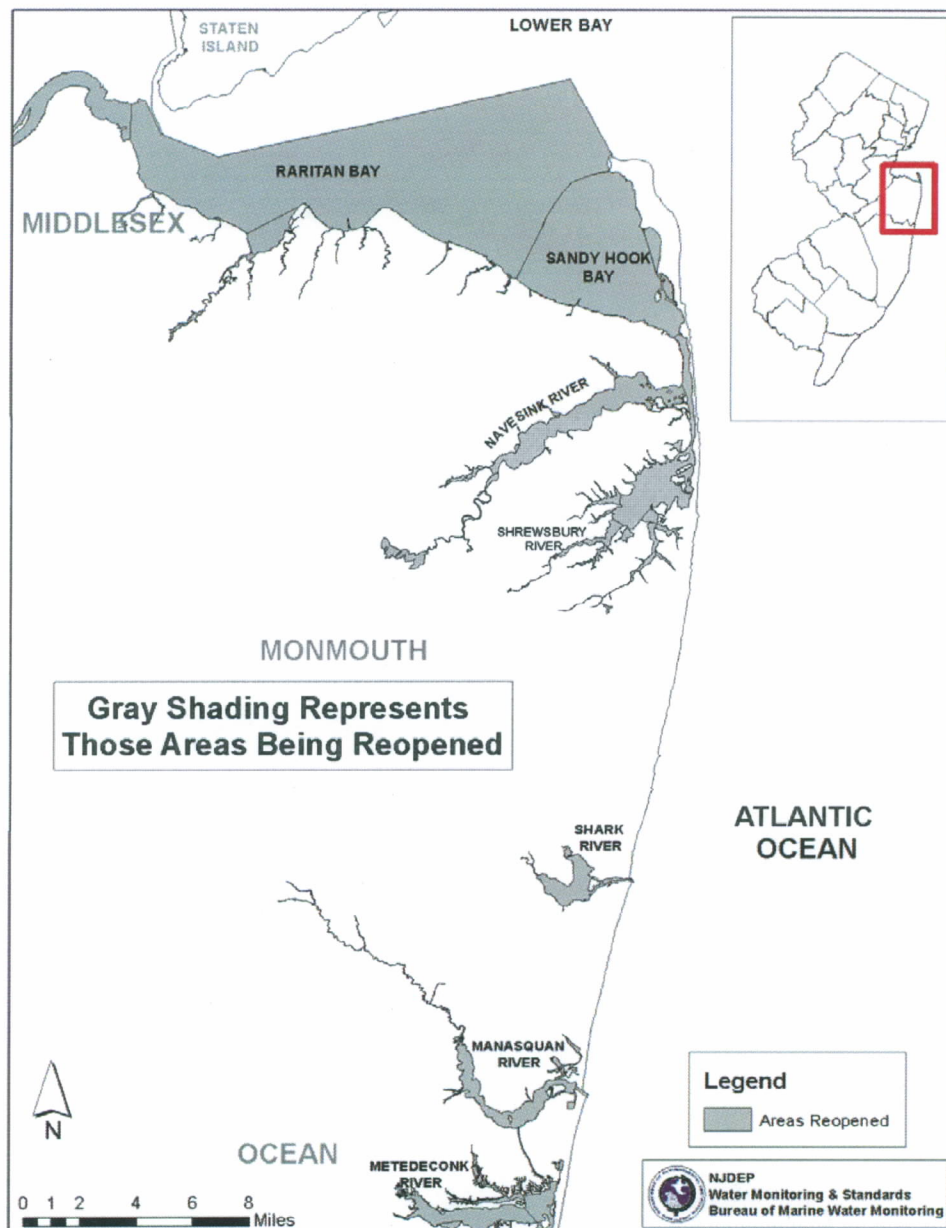
This re-opening applies ONLY to the shellfish waters specified above. This re-opening does not include the shellfish waters of the Delaware Bay, which will continue to be closed until FURTHER NOTICE.

DATE:

9/6/2014

Bob Martin, Commissioner

Waters involved in this re-opening order are shaded in grey.





UPDATE: September 7, 2011

### Raritan Bay, Sandy Hook Bay, Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers

Results from September 2, 2011 monitoring of Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays, Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers show fecal levels ranging from 10 – 260 CFU/100mL. The overall trend shows improvement; most of the stations remain below the Special Restricted criteria (88 CFU/100mL). There are day to day fluctuations in fecal coliform levels, but the waters are evaluated by overall condition and the current data represents normal background levels for this area. Shellfish samples were collected from the Monmouth County area September 6, 2011 for bacteriophage and fecal coliform shellfish sample analysis. Results of this testing are below the FDA recommended level (50 Plaque Forming Units/100 grams of shellfish tissue), fecal coliform results also meet criteria for the designated classification. Accordingly, the waters north of the Metedeconk River through the Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays can be re-opened to their prior classification (see [Partial Re-Opening of NJ Shellfish Beds notice: 9/7/11](#)).

