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PARTIAL REVOCATION OF SHELLFISH BED CLOSURE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAND USE MANAGEMENT

Public Notice of Partial 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, 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 <u>Special Restricted</u> waters of the Navesink River and the Shrewsbury River and a portion of Sandy Hook Bay 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 as Special Restricted effective April 25, 2007.

Specifically the areas involved with this partial revocation include:

Special permit harvest areas 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

This revocation applies ONLY to the Special Restricted waters in the aforementioned areas. The Seasonally Approved waters of the Navesink River and Shrewsbury River will return to their normal Seasonally Approved status effective on May 1, 2007. As such, 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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