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Notice of Readoption

Shellfish Growing Water Classification

Readoption: **N.J.A.C. 7:12**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1D-9, and 58:24-1 et seq.

Authorized By: Bob Martin, Commissioner

Department of Environmental Protection

Effective Date:

New Expiration Date:

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) Shellfish Growing Water Classification rules at N.J.A.C. 7:12 are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on May 14, 2015. The Department has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

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The Shellfish Growing Water Classification rules describe the procedures for the establishment of areas where the harvest of shellfish for use as food is restricted or prohibited because pollution or other conditions may make the shellfish dangerous to health. See N.J.S.A. 58:24-1 et seq.

The rules delineate those waters classified as prohibited, special restricted, seasonally approved, and seasonal special restricted, and establish special permit programs to allow the limited take or harvest of shellfish under specified conditions from waters otherwise classified as restricted or prohibited. The rules also establish the procedures for emergency closures or harvest suspensions due to unpermitted discharges or the presence of marine biotoxins or naturally occurring harmful algal blooms.

Date: _____

Bob Martin, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection