



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice of the Re-Opening of Waters to Shellfish Harvest

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 7:12-1.4(a) and the statutory authority granted the Department of Environmental Protection at N.J.S.A. 58:24-2, the Department shall immediately suspend harvest in areas impacted by an intermittent pollution episode or emergency condition when the event has or may have a deleterious impact on public health. To assure that the public health is not at risk from the consumption of shellfish which may have been subjected to pollution that may render the shellfish dangerous to health because of degraded water quality resulting from the release of sewage from a broken sewer line into the waters of Beach Thorofare in Atlantic County, the Department closed all the Approved waters of Risley Channel, Dock Thorofare, Whirlpool Channel, Shelter Island Bay and Lakes Bay North of the Margate Bridge on September 26, 2017.

The Department has determined through monitoring of water quality and shellfish tissue that the Approved waters of Risley Channel, Dock Thorofare, Whirlpool Channel, Shelter Island Bay and Lakes Bay North of the Margate Bridge are now safe for the harvesting of shellfish in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:12 et seq. The prohibition is lifted and the waters are returned to their prior classification, effective immediately.

Date: _____

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Effective immediately (October 6, 2017)

