

## New York Closure

The ISSC was advised today of the following biotoxic closure.

### **Shellfish harvesters in the Town Southampton.**

Due to elevated saxitoxin levels in mussel samples from Weesuck Creek in Shinnecock Bay, effective immediately on May 7, 2015, the Department of Environmental Conservation has implemented a temporary emergency closure of Weesuck Creek, in the Town of Southampton. This designation includes the taking of shellfish as well as carnivorous gastropods –whelks, conchs and moon snails.

On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, all that area of Meetinghouse and Terry Creeks (Flanders Bay), in the Town of Riverhead were also closed for the harvest of shellfish and carnivorous gastropods.

A copy of the signed closure order and closure map are attached with excerpt below.

A recorded message with information about this temporary closure will be available on DEC's shellfish closure information line at **(631) 444-0480**.

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Pursuant to the provisions of Subdivisions 13-0307 (1) and (2) and Subdivision 13-0309 (1) and Subdivision 13-0330 (6) of the Environmental Conservation Law and Sections 47.4 and 50.1 of Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, and due to the presence of marine biotoxins in shellfish and carnivorous gastropods, which feed on shellfish, to be hazardous for use as food, I, Debra A. Barnes, Shellfisheries Section Head, Bureau of Marine Resources, Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources of the Department of Environmental Conservation, hereby designate the shellfish lands described below as **UNCERTIFIED** effective immediately on May 7, 2015, and continuing until a determination is made that marine biotoxins are no longer present at levels that may make shellfish and carnivorous gastropods hazardous for use as food.

**Accordingly, it is unlawful to harvest shellfish and carnivorous gastropods from the following areas:**

**Town of Southampton:** All that area of Shinnecock Bay, and its tributaries, lying westerly of the southbound lanes of the Ponquogue Bridge and easterly of the western (southbound) side of the Post Lane Bridge in Quogue.

I hereby certify that this is the original thereof.

Dated: 2015 May 7,

East Setauket, New York  
Head

Debra A. Barnes, Shellfisheries Section  
Bureau of Marine Resources



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