Pursuant to statutory authority granted to the Department of Environmental Protection at N.J.S.A 58:24-2, and to ensure that the public health is not at risk from the consumption of shellfish that may have been subjected to pollution or other condition that may render the shellfish dangerous to health, the Department is suspending the oyster harvest from Shell Rock oyster beds in the New Jersey waters of Delaware Bay effective immediately. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to harvest shellfish from this area for any purpose. The Department is suspending oyster harvest from these waters as a result of two illnesses from the naturally occurring pathogen Vibrio parahaemolyticus attributed to this growing area.

The delineation of Shell Rock oyster beds and the area affected by the suspension of harvest is included on the attached map.

This Order shall take effect immediately, and shall continue in effect until superseded or revoked.

Dated: 7/19/2013

Bob Martin, Commissioner
Vp Shellfish Harvest Closure: Shell Rock (see crosshatch area, effective immediately)

Legend
- Closure Area
- NJ Oyster Beds

Shellfish Classifications
- Approved
- Prohibited
- Seasonal November
- Seasonal January
- Special Restricted
- NJ Counties
- Unclassified Water

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