Administrative Order No. 2015-11

Precautionary Closure of Shellfish Beds to Protect Public Health

According to the National Weather Service, a nor’easter is on a path toward the northeast and are predicted to impact the State of New Jersey on Friday into Sunday (October 2 - 4, 2015). Forecast models predict potential precipitation above 6 inches, high winds, tidal surge of up to 9 feet and significant flooding along New Jersey’s coast. This predicted precipitation, high winds and flooding, may result in power outages, sewage bypasses, sanitary pump station failures, and sanitary sewer overflows resulting in degraded water quality.

Therefore, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.5(a), and the statutory authority granted the Department of Environmental Protection at N.J.S.A. 58:24-2 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 make the shellfish dangerous to health, I hereby suspend the harvest of shellfish from the following waters, as further described below:

All waters of the State of New Jersey

This suspension shall take effect immediately after sunset (6:42 P.M.) on Friday, October 2, 2015, and will continue until FURTHER NOTICE.

DATE: 10/2/2015

Bob Martin, Commissioner