

State of New Jersey

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CLOSURE OF SHELLFISH BEDS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATER MONITORING AND STANDARDS

Public Notice of the Closure of Shellfish Beds Dangerous to Health

According to the National Weather Service Center, Hurricane Irene is on it path toward the northeast and will pass the State of New Jersey early Sunday morning (August 28, 2011). Forecast models predict precipitation between 6 - 12 inches, hurricane force winds and storm surges up to 9 feet above high tide along the coast. This predicted precipitation, high winds and storm surge will likely result in significant flooding, power outages, sewage bypasses and sanitary sewer overflows resulting in degraded water quality.

Pursuant to statutory authority granted the Department of Environmental Protection appearing at N.J.S.A. 13:1B-4 and 58:24-1 et seq., and to assure that the public health is not imperiled by the consumption of shellfish that may be subject to pollution or to any other conditions which may render shellfish dangerous, the Department hereby condemns and prohibits the harvesting of all shellfish from the following waters:

All waters of the State of New Jersey

This prohibition shall take effect immediately after sunset (7:36 pm) on Saturday, August 27, 2011 and continue until FURTHER NOTICE.

DATE: 8/26/2011

Bob Martin, Commissioner