



March 1, 2018

Notice of Shellfish Closure and Recall

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has had to close shellfish harvesting from the **Charleston Harbor** south to the **North Edisto River** due to a large sewer line breach near the headwaters of the Stono River. This closure is necessary to protect shellfish consumers from viruses that may be associated with the wastewater. Since the breach was not located for seven days and these areas were being actively harvested, we have initiated a recall of all shellfish harvested from these beds starting on February 19, 2018. Dealers have initiated their internal recall procedures and are attempting to recall any shellfish that are still available on the market that were harvested between February 19, 2018 and February 28, 2018. Dealers will document the final disposition of the product and complete corrective action forms to document this event.

Preliminary investigations have revealed that all shellfish was distributed locally in the Charleston area. In the event that it is discovered that shellfish associated with this recall were distributed to other states, DHEC will notify those states and the ISSC immediately.

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