

**State of New Jersey**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

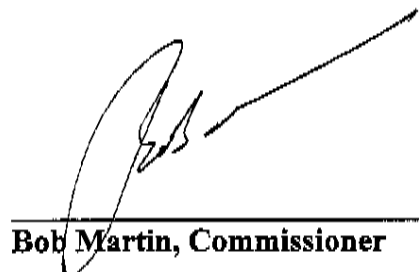
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*Lt. Governor***CLOSURE OF SHELLFISH BEDS****NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATER MONITORING AND STANDARDS-AO 2012-10A****Administrative Order - Precautionary Closure of Shellfish Beds to Protect Public Health**

According to the National Weather Service Center, Hurricane Sandy is on a path toward the northeast and will pass the State of New Jersey early Sunday morning (October 28, 2012). Forecast models predict potential precipitation above 6 inches, high winds 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.

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 sunrise (7:24 am) on Monday, October 29, 2011 and will continue until FURTHER NOTICE.

DATE: 10/26/2012

Bob Martin, Commissioner