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Public Notice of the Re-Opening of Waters to Shellfish Harvest

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.4(a) and the statutory authority granted the Department of Environmental Protection appearing 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 render the shellfish dangerous to health, the Department suspended harvest of shellfish of all *Approved* and *Conditionally Approved* waters of Lakes Bay and Shelter Island Bay north of the Margate Bridge, Atlantic County on February 23, 2021. The suspension was put in place to assure that the public health was not at risk from the consumption of shellfish which may have been subjected to an intermittent pollution episode from the release of sewage from a broken sewer line.

The Department has determined through monitoring of water quality and shellfish tissue that the *Approved* and *Conditionally Approved* waters of Lakes Bay and Shelter Island Bay north of the Margate Bridge are now safe for the harvesting of shellfish in accordance of N.J.A.C. 7:12 et seq. The suspension is lifted and the waters are returned to their prior classification, effective immediately.

DATE: _____

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