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Public Notice of the Suspension of Harvest from Shellfish Beds Dangerous to Health

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.4(a), the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) shall immediately suspend shellfish harvest in areas impacted by an intermittent pollution episode or emergency condition when the event has or may have a deleterious impact on public health. Examples of such events include the following: wastewater facility malfunctions, sewer line breaks, malfunctioning septic systems, catastrophic storm events, or other hazardous material spills.

On October 15, 2024, the Department was made aware of the release of secondary-treated effluent from a leak in a central outfall pipe of the Ocean County Utilities Authority (OCUA) into the waters of Barnegat Bay in Ocean County. The resulting suspension of harvest included herein will ensure that the public health is not at risk from the consumption of shellfish that may have been subjected to pollution or other conditions that may render the shellfish dangerous to health because of degraded water quality as a result of the release of secondary treated effluent into the waters of Barnegat Bay in Ocean County.

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.4(a) and the statutory authority granted the Department at N.J.S.A. 58:24-2 to protect the public health from the risk posed by the consumption of shellfish that may have been subjected to pollution or other conditions that may render the shellfish dangerous to health, I hereby immediately suspend the harvest of shellfish from the following waters, as further described below:

All waters enclosed in an area beginning at a point with coordinates longitude 74 degrees 7 minutes 19.83 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 54 minutes 39.41 seconds N moving across the waterway in an easterly direction to a point with

coordinates longitude 74 degrees 6 minutes 31.64 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 54 minutes 39.71 seconds N moving across the waterway in a southerly direction to a point with coordinates longitude 74 degrees 6 minutes 31.48 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 54 minutes 13.37 seconds N moving across the waterway in a westerly direction to a point with coordinates longitude 74 degrees 7 minutes 19.66 seconds W and latitude 39 degrees 54 minutes 13.06 seconds N moving across the waterway in a northerly direction to the point of origin and terminating.

For information on shellfish growing water classifications please see the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP), Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish, 2023 Revision, incorporated by reference at N.J.A.C. 7:12-1.3(a) and available at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website: <https://www.fda.gov/food/federalstate-food-programs/national-shellfish-sanitation-program-nssp>.

The suspension of harvest shall take effect immediately and continue until further notice.

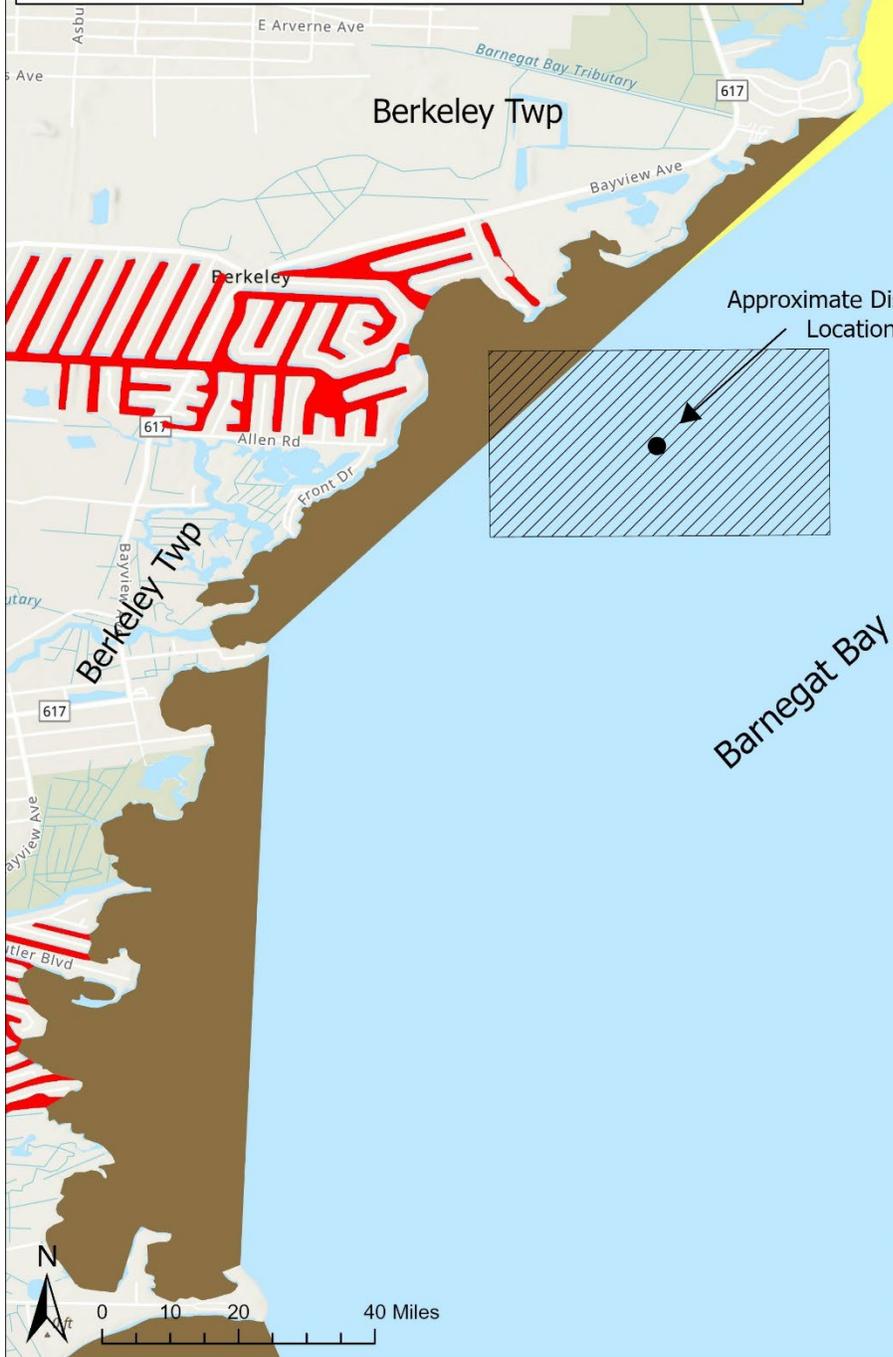
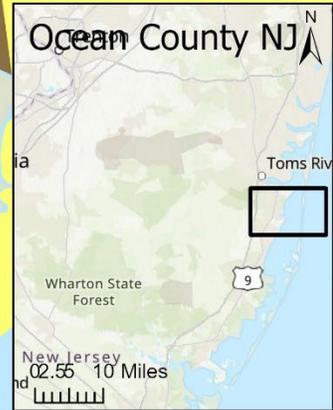
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**Shellfish Growing Water Suspension:
Barnegat Bay
(see crosshatch area, effective
immediately)**



Legend

-  Closure Area
- Shellfish Classification**
-  Approved
-  Conditionally Approved (Jan-Apr)
-  Conditionally Approved (Nov-Apr)
-  Prohibited
-  Restricted
-  Suspended

