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DEC REOPENS SHELLFISHING AREAS IN COLD SPRING HARBOR

Closures Were Implemented Last Week Following Sewage Bypass

Shellfish harvesting in the normally certified (open) areas of Cold Spring Harbor, in the towns of Oyster Bay and Huntington, will again be permitted effective on Saturday, May 31, 2014, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today.

DEC implemented temporary closures of Cold Spring Harbor and Oyster Bay Harbor on May 23 following a malfunction at the wastewater treatment plant in the Oyster Bay Sewer District which released approximately 125,000 gallons of partially treated sewage and sludge into Oyster Bay Harbor.

Based on a review of a dilution analysis and the results of its examination of water samples from Cold Spring Harbor, DEC determined that conditions that may make shellfish potentially hazardous to consumers are not present in that area.

Beginning at sunrise on Saturday, May 31, shellfish harvesting may resume in the following areas:

Town of Oyster Bay (north shore): All the normally certified areas in Cold Spring Harbor lying easterly of a line extending south of the stone house on Plum Point (Centre Island) to the northwesternmost point of land on Cove Point, on Cove Neck.

Town of Huntington: All the normally certified areas in Cold Spring Harbor lying easterly of a line extending south of the stone house on Plum Point (Centre Island) to the northwesternmost point of land on Cove Point, on Cove Neck.

However, the temporary closure remains in effect for all of Oyster Bay Harbor lying westerly of the line described above.

DEC will re-open the normally certified areas of Oyster Bay Harbor soon as possible based on the results of testing of shellfish samples that DEC plans to collect on Monday, June 2.

A recorded message advising harvesters of the status of temporary shellfish closures may be heard at **(631) 444-0480**. That message is updated during the course of the temporary closures. For a more detailed description of the closed area, call DEC's office of Marine Resources during normal business hours at **(631) 444-0492**. Additionally, information about temporary closures is available on DEC's website.

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Joe Martens
Commissioner


**RESCISSION OF EMERGENCY DESIGNATION OF SHELLFISH LANDS
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK
AS UNCERTIFIED FOR THE HARVEST OF SHELLFISH**

Pursuant to the provisions of Subdivisions 13-0307 (1) and (2) and Subdivision 13-0309 (1) of the Environmental Conservation Law and Sections 42.17 and 47.4 of Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, and based upon the determination that conditions that may cause shellfish to be hazardous for use as food are no longer present, I, Debra A. Barnes, Shellfisheries Section Head of the Bureau of Marine Resources, of the Department of Environmental Conservation hereby rescind the designation of shellfish lands as uncertified for the harvest of shellfish dated May 23, 2014. **This order is effective at sunrise on Saturday, May 31, 2014 and applies only to the areas described below.**

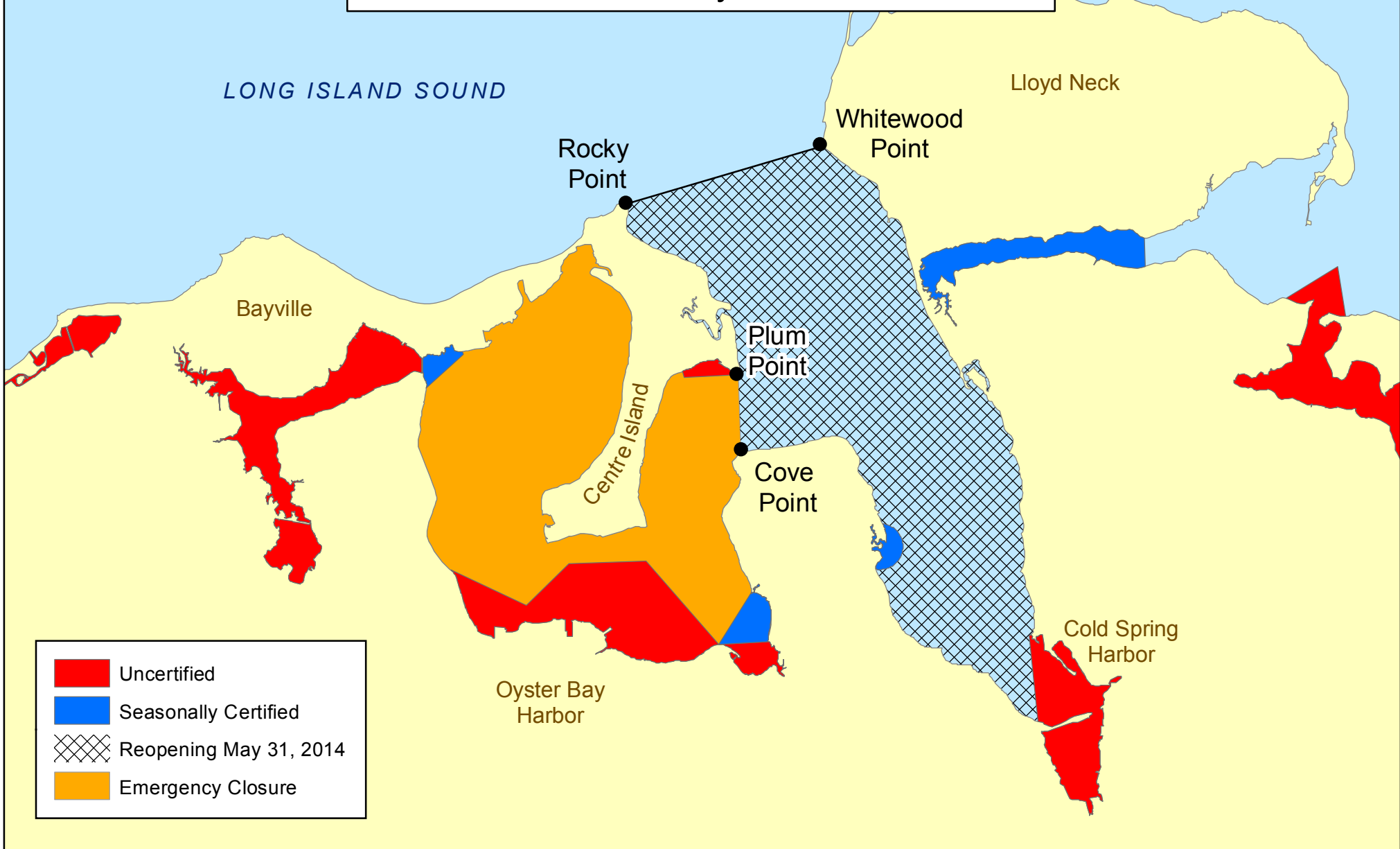
- 1. Town of Oyster Bay:** All the normally certified shellfish lands in Cold Spring Harbor lying easterly of a line extending southerly from the stone house on Plum Point (Centre Island) to the northwesternmost point of Cove Point on Cove Neck.
- 2. Town of Huntington:** All the normally certified shellfish lands in Cold Spring Harbor lying easterly of a line extending southerly from the stone house on Plum Point (Centre Island) to the northwesternmost point of Cove Point on Cove Neck.





I hereby certify that this is the original thereof.

Dated: May 30, 2014
East Setauket, New York


Debra A. Barnes
Debra A. Barnes, Shellfisheries Section Head
Bureau of Marine Resources

Temporary Emergency Shellfish Closures
in Oyster Bay Harbor and
Reopenings in Cold Spring Harbor
Effective May 31, 2014



-  Uncertified
-  Seasonally Certified
-  Reopening May 31, 2014
-  Emergency Closure