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#### EHS Circular Letter 2012-43

To: Directors of Health  
Chief Sanitarians  
Certified Food Inspectors

From: Food Protection Program

Date: July 13, 2012

**Subject: Long Island, NY Shellfish Unapproved as Food Source**

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Bureau of Marine Resources has issued an emergency notice regarding shellfish harvested out of Oyster Bay Harbor, NY. Shellfish beds in this area have been closed for harvest until further notice. The emergency notice was issued after documented cases of illness associated with the consumption of raw or partially cooked shellfish from this growing area were reported. Illness has been confirmed due to *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, a naturally-occurring marine bacterium.

All shellfish harvesters, shippers, reshippers, processors, **restaurants and retail food establishments** are advised to check the identity tags on all containers of shellfish in their inventories. If the tag indicates the harvest area was Oyster Bay Harbor and had a **harvest date before July 13, 2012**, the product must not be sold or used in foodservice preparations.

Wholesale shellfish dealers have been advised to check their sales records to determine whether they have handled or sold any shellfish from the affected harvest area from June 1 through July 12. If so, they were advised to immediately contact their customers that may have received the affected shellfish.

Any business or establishment that has shellfish from Oyster Bay Harbor is advised to call Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture at (203) 874-0696 extension 112 or (203) 809-4023 after normal business hours.

Consumers who call the local health department with illness symptoms typically associated with *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* infection should be referred to their primary care physician for appropriate follow-up and treatment. The 3-page Foodborne Illness Alert form should be completed and faxed to the Food Protection Program at (860) 509-8071.

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

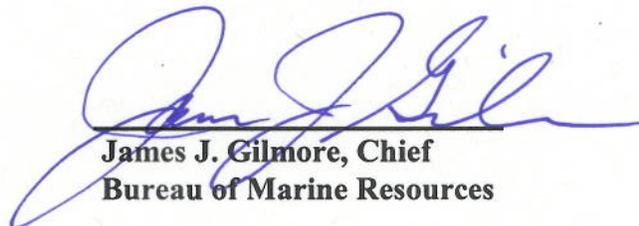
Pursuant to the provisions of Subdivisions 13-0307 (1) and (2) and Subdivision 13-0309 (1) of the Environmental Conservation Law and Section 47.4 of Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, and due to documented illnesses caused by *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, a naturally-occurring marine bacterium, in individuals who consumed raw or partially cooked shellfish harvested from Oyster Bay Harbor, I, James J. Gilmore, Chief of the Bureau of Marine Resources, Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources of the Department of Environmental Conservation, hereby designate the shellfish lands described below as **UNCERTIFIED**, effective at sunrise on July 13, 2012, and continuing until a determination is made that *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* is no longer present at levels that may make shellfish hazardous for use as food.

**Accordingly, it is unlawful to harvest shellfish from the following areas:**

**Town of Oyster Bay Harbor (north shore):** All the normally certified shellfish lands in Oyster Bay Harbor lying westerly of a line extending southerly from the stone house at Plum Point (Centre Island) to the northwestern most point of Cove Point on Cove Neck.

I hereby certify that this is the original thereof.

Dated: July 12, 2012



**James J. Gilmore, Chief**  
**Bureau of Marine Resources**