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Review and make comments

For your information

Comments: A proposed edit to
the Statewide TMDL document
from Ffild Shellfish Commission

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July 26, 2012

Daniel C. Esty, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of
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Re: Proposed Connecticut Statewide Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Bacteria Impaired Waters

Dear Commissioner Esty:

At its meeting of July 12, 2012, the Fairfield Shellfish Commission reviewed the Public Review Draft and, as a sense of the body, endorsed its purpose and its TMDL targets for Connecticut and its impaired waters. As a municipal natural resource agency, the Shellfish Commission manages both recreational and commercial shellfishing programs and it appreciates the degree to which estuarine and upland watershed runoff affects water quality and shellfishing opportunities. By participating in Connecticut's state-wide comprehensive program to achieve TMDL targets, the Shellfish Commission looks forward to continued public shellfishing opportunities in the future.

In its review of Table 8-2, "Summary of Estimated Percent Reductions for Bacteria-Impaired Waterbodies", the Commission noted use of the symbol "NA" for bacteria-impaired waterbodies apparently associated with sewage treatment facilities. The commission has learned that the NA denotes "Not Applicable" because the facility is already meeting state standards and there is nothing further to be achieved in the % Reduction to meet TMDL targets (they are already there).

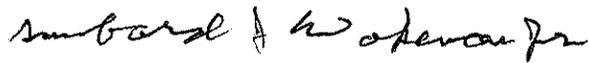
As noted, the Fairfield Shellfish Commission endorses the TMDL report and encourages the CTDEEP to include in the "List of Acronyms" the symbol "NA" as Not Applicable with the

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brief explanation that the End Point Targets or % Reductions to Meet TMDL are already being achieved in the subject areas.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Sanford J. Wakeman Jr.
Shellfish Commission Chairman

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