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Dear NJ Shellfish Leaseholder:

This letter is to inform you that shellfish lease renewal procedure for 2021 will have some changes during this renewal period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As per the Leasing of Atlantic Coast Bottom for Aquaculture regulations at N.J.A.C. 7:25-24 and the policy of the Delaware Bay Section, leaseholders must renew their lease in person at the Nacote Creek Shellfish Office for Atlantic Coast Section leases and at the Delaware Bay Office for Delaware Bay Section leases. However, as both offices remain closed to the public with mandatory staff restrictions due to COVID, the Bureau will be mailing each leaseholder their lease renewal package. This package will include the lease renewal document(s), application for the 2021 commercial shellfish license and other documents that must be signed for renewal. The lease renewal documents should be sent out to each leaseholder by October 15th. The leaseholder must complete and sign the lease renewal documents along with a check for the lease fees, lessee renewal fee and commercial shellfish license fee to the respective section office.

Please read over the documents carefully, as failure to submit a signed renewal and appropriate fee could result in your leases being vacated. It is recommended that each leaseholder submit their renewals as early as possible to provide ample time to address any renewal issues.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Megan Kelly, megan.kelly@dep.nj.gov for Atlantic Coast leases or Conor Davis, conor.davis@dep.nj.gov for Delaware Bay lease. You may also call the Nacote Creek Shellfish Office at 609 748-2040 or the Delaware Bay Shellfish Office at 856 785-0853.

Sincerely,

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