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SECRETARY'S ORDER NO 2017 – WS- 0005

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AUTHORITY AND FINDINGS:

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control pursuant to Delaware Code Title 7, Chapter 60 and Title 29, Chapter 80 and Delaware Administrative Code 7402 *Shellfish Sanitation Regulations 3.1.5*, the Secretary has the authority to close shellfish growing areas in response to events which could affect the introduction of contaminants into shellfish growing waters.

Based upon the recommendation of the Division of Watershed Stewardship's Shellfish Program, as outlined in the attached Memorandum of Record, the Delaware Bay (GA-1) will be placed under emergency closure due to contamination of the growing area by untreated wastewater. The Delaware Bay will remain closed to all commercial and recreational bi-valve molluscan shellfish (clams, oysters and mussels) harvest. This closure will remain in effect for twenty-one (21) days following the end of the sewage spill.

ORDER

It is hereby ordered, that the Delaware Bay (GA-1) is placed under emergency closure and the harvest of bi-valve molluscan shellfish is prohibited for twenty-one days after the wastewater infrastructure failure has corrected.

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David S. Small, Secretary
Department of Natural Resources and
Environmental Control

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