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Dear Commercial Shellfish Leaseholder, Harvester and/or Dealer:

Due to the destruction surrounding Hurricane Sandy, the Division of Fish and Wildlife (Division) is attempting to develop an assessment of damage to New Jersey's shellfish industry. We are requesting this in an attempt to determine the amount of damage you incurred specifically related to your commercial shellfish operations, including lost harvest opportunity and product sales.

We would appreciate it if you could take the time to answer a few questions in order to estimate losses across the industry. We are considering any loss of shellfish harvest time, loss of product and damage to equipment that occurred as a direct result of the storm. We encourage you to complete the enclosed survey as accurately as possible. We will maintain your individual accounts in confidence, only pooling the survey findings into a summary document.

Please respond no later than March 1, 2013.

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Please note on '0-5 rankings,' 0 equals no loss to 5 being a total loss. Use additional sheets if necessary.

1. What species of shellfish do you typically harvest? _____

2. What areas do you typically harvest from? _____

3. Do you harvest wild shellfish? Yes or No

If yes:

a. Did you lose any harvest time as a direct result of the storm? Yes or No. If yes, please state the number of harvest days lost as a direct result of the storm: _____

b. Did you sustain any damage to your vessel or equipment as a result of the storm? Yes or No. If yes, please rank on a scale of 0 to 5 the extent of damage _____

c. If there was damage to equipment, please describe and estimate value (\$): _____

4. Do you lease shellfish bottom for shellfish aquaculture? Yes or No
 If yes:
- Where are your shellfish leases located (general area)_____
 - On a scale of 0 to 5, could you determine your best estimate of damage to equipment as a direct result of the storm: _____
 - If there was damage to equipment, please estimate value (\$) and describe: _____

 - Was there any loss of product? Yes or No. Please describe loss of product and estimate value (\$): _____
 - Was there any loss of harvest time from lease: Yes or No. If yes, please state the number of lost harvest days _____
5. Did you own or operate a shellfish hatchery in New Jersey in 2012? Yes or No
 If yes:
- On a scale of 0 to 5, could you determine your best estimate of damage to your hatchery as a direct result of the storm: _____.
 - If there was damage, please describe damage and estimated value of damage or loss: _____
 If there was damage, was there any product loss? If yes, please describe loss of product and estimate value (\$): _____
6. Did you hold either a N.J. Surf Clam License or a Delaware Bay Oyster Dredge Boat License? Yes or No.
 If yes:
- Was there any damage or loss to the vessel as a result of Hurricane Sandy? Yes or No
 - If yes, please describe type of damage or loss and estimate value (\$) _____

7. Are you a shellfish dealer? Yes or No.
 If yes:
- Was your ability to sell shellfish impacted by the storm? Yes or No
 - If yes, estimate in days the time period that you were impacted by the storm until you resumed normal business operations? Closed _____ Partial open _____
 - Did you lose any product as a direct result of the storm? Yes or No. If yes, please describe loss and estimated value (\$) _____

8. If you stated that you sustained damage or loss to any of the questions above, what percentage of the damage or loss was or will be covered by:
- Personal insurance: _____%

- b. FEMA: _____ %
- c. Other: _____ %

Thank you for taking the time to assist us in evaluating impacts to the shellfish industry as a result of Hurricane Sandy. The Division plans to provide a pooled summary of this information to other State and Federal agencies to assist in the evaluation of all impacts that occurred from Sandy. In an effort to collect as much information as possible, please feel free to pass along to other shellfish industry members if they have not received or informed of this survey. The survey is also accessible online at:

www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2012/sandy_disaster_info.htm

Any suggestions you have that would help us during this assessment are welcome.

Please fax your response to 609-748-2032 or mail your response to:

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