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Alexander B. Grannis
Commissioner

Dear Horseshoe crab permit holder:

This directive revises and supersedes the prior Department directive dated May 1, 2009, which incorrectly stated that only a portion of the Fire Island National Seashore is closed to harvest of horseshoe crabs. You are hereby notified that the entire Fire Island National Seashore (FINS) is closed to harvest of horseshoe crabs. This closure is being made at the request of the National Park Service (NPS) pursuant to its authority to prohibit the taking of wildlife from National Park lands. A copy of the NPS letter requesting the Department to notify horseshoe crab permit holders of the FINS closure is attached.

The FINS closure extends 4000 feet into Great South Bay, 1000 feet into the Atlantic Ocean, and west from Robert Moses State Park to midline of Moriches Inlet.

Please note that NPS will begin enforcement of the FINS closure at the start of the 2009 horseshoe crab harvest season.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Amato".

Christopher A. Amato