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Dear Municipal Clerk:

Please see the attached NJDEP Press Release about Harvest the Bay Day this Saturday at Island Beach State Park.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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## **HARVEST THE BAY DAY RETURNS SATURDAY TO ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK** *FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES CELEBRATE BARNEGAT BAY'S ROLE IN ECOSYSTEM*

**(16/P75) TRENTON** – Harvest the Bay Day, an eco-tourism event to raise public awareness of the sustainability of the Barnegat Bay Estuary, returns to Island Beach State Park on Saturday, August 13.

The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ocean Bathing Area 1 pavilion. The event is free with park admission. In case of inclement weather, the rain date is Saturday, August 20.



Harvest the Bay Day aims to foster the public's appreciation of Barnegat Bay's natural environment, its role as a prime estuarine habitat and the various recreational as well as commercial fishing industries that depend upon the health and sustainability of this watershed.

“Harvest the Bay Day is a great opportunity to participate in interactive events and learn about Barnegat Bay's importance to the community and environment,” said Mark Texel, Division of Parks and Forestry Director. “We look forward to having the public join us for this event, where they can celebrate the role of the Bay in New Jersey's rich ecosystem.”

Visitors to Harvest the Bay Day can attend free clamming and seining programs from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; sample fresh seafood from noon to 12:30 p.m.; attend educational presentations from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and take a free kayak eco-tour of the Sedge Islands.

“While Island Beach State Park is mainly known for its beautiful beaches, the Barnegat Bay on the west side of the island is a rich fisheries habitat which can be enjoyed in a number of ways,”

said Jenifer Clayton, Island Beach State Park Superintendent. “Harvest the Bay Day offers programs and activities for the family which highlight the importance of the health of the Bay, the role it plays as the nursery for larger finfish, and what the public can do to help preserve this vital resource.”

Island Beach State Park, one of the crown jewels of the state park system, offers a variety of interactive and educational nature programs, including Harvest the Bay, which was developed in 2013. Island Beach State Park interpretive programs are created and run through a partnership of the DEP’s Division of Parks and Forestry, the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey, and the Friends of Island Beach State Park.



To learn more about Island Beach State Park, visit:  
[www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/island.html](http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/island.html)

To learn more about educational programs at Island Beach State Park, visit:  
[www.islandbeachnatureprograms.org](http://www.islandbeachnatureprograms.org)

**Media interested in covering Saturday’s event should contact the DEP Press Office at (609) 984-1795.**

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