

STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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ELIOT SPITZER GOVERNOR LORRAINE A. CORTÉS-VÁZQUEZ SECRETARY OF STATE

April 12, 2007

Re: Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats on the North Shore of Long Island in Nassau and Suffolk Counties

Dear Friend of the Coast:

The Department of State's Division of Coastal Resources has updated and revised the Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats on the North Shore of Long Island in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. As part of the State's Coastal Management Program, these areas were designated under Article 42 of the New York State Executive Law and were incorporated into New York's federally approved Coastal Management Program on October 15, 2005. The areas have documented values for one or more of the following criteria: ecosystem rarity, species vulnerability, human use, and species population levels.

While the habitat documentation and maps have been previously filed with local municipal clerks as required, enclosed is a CD for your use. The CD contains copies of the 25 revised and eight new Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitats. Instructions for downloading and printing narratives and maps are also included.

We hope this CD will provide convenient access to the information. Please contact us at <u>coastal@dos.state.ny.us</u> for additional information.

Sincerely

Sally Ball

Deputy Director

Division of Coastal Resources

Enclosure