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### Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 5, 2024

**This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced**

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 1000, Scallops (Maine Coast): This notice reopens Exception Area PEN-Plx due to passing results for naturally occurring marine biotoxins (ASP/PSP). All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

- A. Effective immediately, because of biotoxin, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any species of scallops, including but not limited to *Placopecten magellanicus* and *Argopecten irradians*, whole or intact, or scallop viscera, taken from Maine coastal waters and those offshore waters of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ/200 mile limit) between the Maine/New Hampshire border and the Canadian border. Only the adductor muscle and scallop shells may be retained and landed for personal use, wholesale, or retail trade.

EXCEPTION: Aquaculture lease site PEN A1x.

EXCEPTION: Aquaculture lease site PEN Plx (~~expires 00:01 HRs, March 28, 2024~~).

If you have questions, please contact Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9500 Email: [DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov](mailto:DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov). During **weekends/holidays**, contact on duty Marine Patrol Officers through the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

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1:30 PM  
(Effective Time)