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## Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

October 31, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 26, Medomak River (Waldoboro, Bremen, and Friendship): This notice repeals the Prohibited closure in Back River Cove (Waldoboro) due to a pollution source remediation and an updated shoreline survey. All existing pollution and red tide/psp 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 pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited areas:
1. Upper Medomak: north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 659 yards south of Pine Point (Waldoboro) and running east to a red painted post on the eastern shore.
  2. Within 500 feet from shore between the point of land at the end of Heath Road (Bremen) and a red painted post located on the shore of the eastern most point of land off Heath Road.
  - ~~3. Back River Cove (Waldoboro): northwest of a line beginning at a red painted post on the southwestern most point of land located at the mouth of Back River Cove (Waldoboro), then running southeast to the southernmost tip of Haystack Island, and then running northwest to a red painted post on the northern shore of Back River Cove.~~
  3. 4. East of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Boot Neck (Friendship), then running southwest to the northern tip of Walsgrover Island; AND east of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Walsgrover Island running southwest to the northwest tip of Wharton Island; AND northeast of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Wharton Island running southeast to the shore south of the lobster pound at the end of the Forest Lake Road.
- B. Effective immediately because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas. These areas are classified Restricted and harvest requires a special MDMR permit:
1. Upper Medomak locally known as Tom's Shore (Waldoboro): southeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the eastern most point of Meetinghouse Cove located approximately 95 yards northeast from the end of Geele Lane running northeast to a red painted post on the southwestern most point of land known as Hoffse Point ; AND west of a line beginning at a red painted post beginning on the southwestern most point of land known as Hoffse Point running southeast to a red painted post on the northern tip of Woltz Point.

2. Bug Tassel (Bremen and Waldoboro): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located at a small point of land on the northwest shore of the area known as Western Branch running east across the cove to a red painted post on the opposite shore ;AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post located approximately 600 feet north of the southeast tip of the prominent point that divides the two major drainages of the area locally known as Bug Tassel running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore on Gross Neck.
  3. Back Cove (Waldoboro): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 1000 yards from the mouth of Back River Cove then running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
  4. Back River Cove (Waldoboro): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the eastern most point of land approximately 295 yards southwest of the Deaver Road boat launch running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
  5. Broad Cove (Bremen): northwest of a line beginning at a red painted post located approximately 450 yards southwest from the end of Storer Road running southwest to a red painted post between two rock piles on a prominent point of land on the opposite shore.
  6. Greenland Cove (Bremen): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located approximately 200 yards southeast from the end of Marble Lane running southeast to the opposite shore.
- C. Effective immediately, due to intermittent pollution caused by rainfall, the shores, flats and waters of the upper Medomak River (Waldoboro) in the following area are classified as Conditionally Approved, and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels, when rainfall meets or exceeds 1" within a 24 hour period.
1. South of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 659 yards south of Pine Point (Waldoboro) running east to a red painted post on the eastern shore; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the eastern most point of Meetinghouse Cove located approximately 95 yards northeast from the end of Geele Lane running northeast to a red painted post on the southwestern most point of land known as Hoffse Point; AND east of a line beginning at a red painted post beginning on the southwestern most point of land known as Hoffse Point running southeast to a red painted post on the northern tip of Woltz Point; AND north of a line beginning at the red painted post on the eastern most point of "Arthurs Shore," then running northeast to the southern tip of Hollis Point.
  2. East of a line beginning at the southwest prominence of Boot Neck (Friendship), then running northeast approximately 300 yards to the southeast point on the unnamed point of land in the town of Waldoboro.
- D. Effective immediately, because of intermittent seasonal pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of Sampson Cove (Waldoboro) east of a red painted post located at a prominent unnamed point on the north shore of the inner portion of Sampson Cove running southeast to a red painted post located on the point of land that forms the southern mouth of the unnamed brook on the eastern shore of Sampson Cove from May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish->

[sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html](http://sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html). This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,



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Commissioner's Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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*(Effective Time)*



# Maine Department of Marine Resources

## Pollution Area No. 26

### Medomak River (Waldoboro, Bremen, and Friendship)

