

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE-MAKING

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S. §§6172, 6192, 6193 & 6194
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BASIS STATEMENT

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources amends the emergency DMR Chapter 95.11 Area No. 500, Coastal Maine, amended on March 24, 2010. This amendment reduces the size of the flood closure due to water quality returning to the approved standards. The following areas remain closed, due to water quality exceeding the approved standard: York River, Hills Beach, Biddeford Pool, the Kennebec and Sheepscot Rivers, and Stockton Harbor. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect. As authorized by 12 M.R.S. §§6172, 6192, 6193 & 6194 the Commissioner of Marine Resources adopts emergency amendments to Chapter 95.11.

RULE TITLE AND SUBJECT: DMR Chapter 95.11 Area No. 500, Coastal Maine, amended on March 24, 2010, is amended as follows:

TITLE & TEXT OF RULE: DMR Chapter 95.11 Area No. 500, Coastal Maine

Effective immediately, because of pollution from heavy rainfall, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, or mussels from all shores, flats and territorial waters of the Maine coast in the following areas:; ~~east of a line extending south from the Maine/New-Hampshire border and west of a line extending south from Petit Manan Point, Steuben.~~

- A. York River: west of a line beginning at the easternmost point of land on Stage Neck (York) and extending south to a red painted post on the shore at the end of Ice House Point Road (York).
- B. Hills Beach, Biddeford: inside and shoreward of a line beginning at the southeast corner of the mouth of the Saco River; then running southeast to the south tip of Basket Island; then continuing southeast to Fort Point.
- C. Biddeford Pool: south of line across the mouth of Biddeford Pool, starting at the end of Hills Beach Rd and extending southeast to the west end of the Lester B. Orcutt Blvd.
- D. Kennebec and Sheepscot Rivers: east of a line extending south from Small Point, Cape Small, Phippsburg and west of a line extending south from Ocean Point, East Boothbay.
- E. Stockton Harbor and Penobscot River: north of a line starting at the southernmost tip of Sears Island, Searsport and extending southeast to Dice Head, Castine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 3, 2010

EFFECTIVE TIME: 12:02 PM

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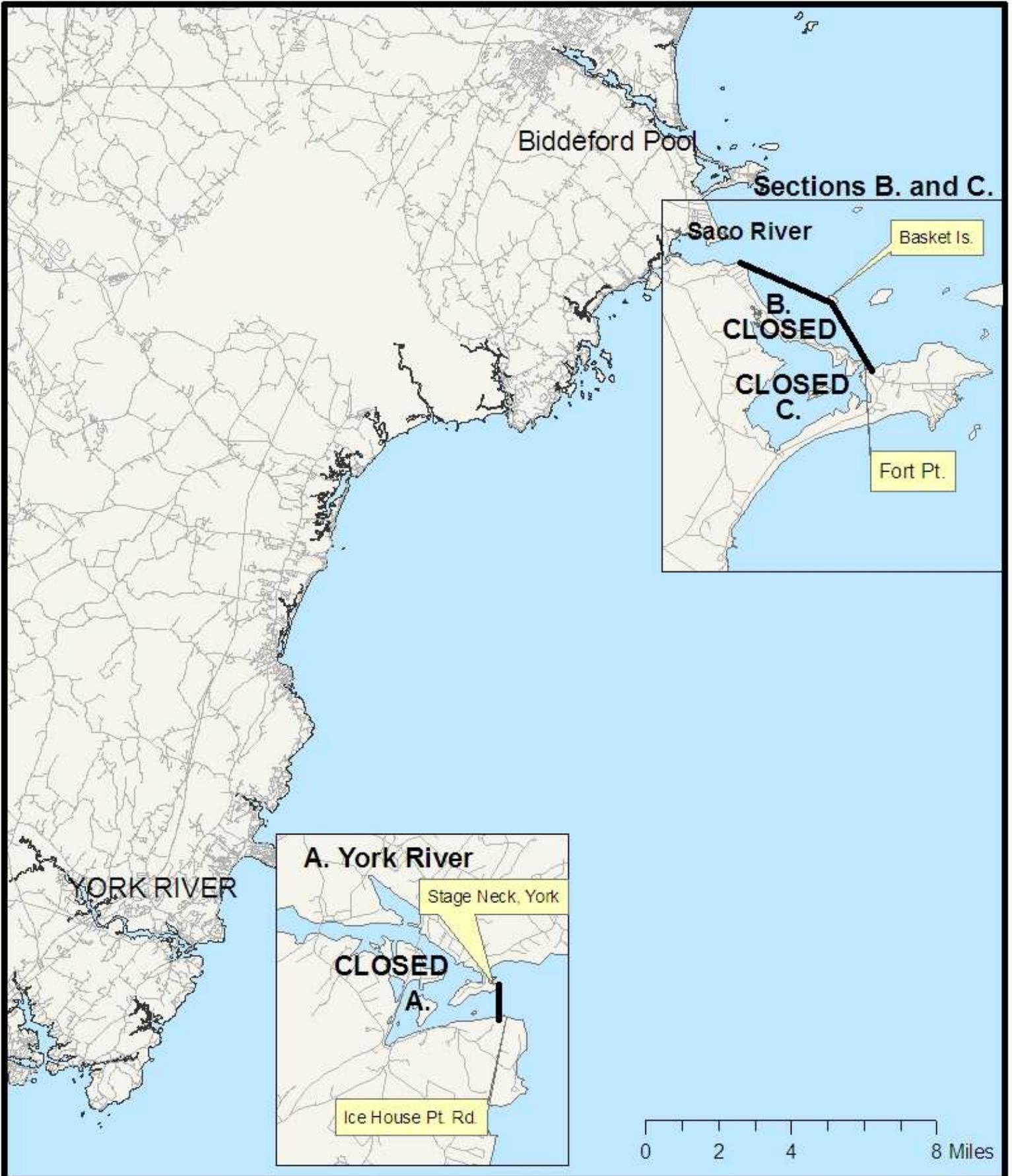


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Flood Closure Area No. 500
Coastal Maine, Sections A., B., and C.



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Area No. 500- Coastal Maine, Sections D and E

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