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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 23, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 10, Saco River and Saco Bay (Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach): This notice reclassifies Biddeford Pool by extending the seasonal closure to include August 1st to October 31st due to water quality not meeting approved standards during the open status. 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 pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters west of a line beginning at the end of Parcher Avenue at East Grand Avenue (Old Orchard Beach); then running southeast to the southwest tip of Stratton Island (Saco); then running southeast to buoy RW "WI"; then running southwest to the east tip of Wood Island (Biddeford); then running southwest to the east tip of East Point, Fletcher Neck (Biddeford), and continuing southwest to the south tip of South Point, Fletcher Neck (Biddeford); AND east of a line across the mouth of Biddeford Pool to the west end of Orcutt Blvd.

- B. Effective immediately, because of seasonal non-point source pollution and proximity to the Biddeford Pool WWTP outfall, the shores, flats and waters west of a line across the mouth of Biddeford Pool to the west end of Orcutt Blvd is classified Conditionally Approved and it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from August 1st October 31st ~~September 30th~~ and will CLOSE during any malfunction of the Biddeford Pool WWTP. **Please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm for open/closed status.**

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. 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>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,

Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner's Designee

1:00 PM
(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 10

Saco River and Saco Bay (Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach)

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