Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

January 9, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 11, Scarborough River: This notice corrects a boundary line description in the Nonesuch River. 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 from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area:

   north of a line beginning at a red painted posted approximately 740 yards southeast of the Route 1 bridge in the Dunstan River running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

B. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area without a special MDMR permit:

   north of a line beginning at the boat ramp on Clay Pits Road (Scarborough) running southwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

C. Effective immediately, due to intermittent pollution caused by rainfall, the shores, flats and waters of the following areas 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. Docs Creek: west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of the prominent point of land at the northern mouth of Doc’s Creek running southeast to the southern tip of an unnamed island, then running southwest to a red painted post at the northern point of land approximately 600 yards northeast of Pine Point Rd bridge.

   2. Scarborough River: north of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 122 yards northeast from the end of Eagle Nest Drive running northeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND south of a line beginning at a red painted posted approximately 740 yards southeast of the Route 1 bridge running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

   3. Mill Brook: north of a line beginning at a red painted post located approximately 205 yards north upstream of the confluence of the Scarborough River and at the western mouth of Mill Brook running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

   4. Nonesuch River: south of a line beginning at the boat ramp on Clay Pits Road (Scarborough) running southwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore AND east of a line beginning at a red and white painted post at the end of Winnocks Neck Road running south to a red and white painted post on the opposite shore, north of a line beginning at a red and white painted post, located on the western shore of the Nonesuch River, approximately 1020 yards upstream from the tip of Nonesuch Point, then running east across the river to a red and white painted post on the opposite shore.

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

2:00 PM  
(Effective Time)