Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

May 11, 2020
This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced

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 reclassifies the upper Nonesuch River to Conditionally Approved based on rainfall due to water quality meeting the approved standard when in the open status. This notice also reclassifies a portion of the Scarborough River to Conditionally Approved based on rainfall due to water quality no longer meeting the approved standard. An interactive map that allows the user to zoom in to specific areas can be found on the ME DMR website: https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/maps/index.html. 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, or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

   1. Scarborough River (Scarborough): 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.

B. Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution caused by rainfall, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) when rainfall meets or exceeds 1” within a 24 hour period. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html

   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: west and north of a line beginning at the boat ramp at the end of Seaveys Landing Rd. running north-northeast to a red painted post at the center of a large unnamed island then continuing north-northeast to the opposite shore in line with the end of a large stand of trees;
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. Nonesuch River: 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.

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.


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,

[Signature]

Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

4:00 PM
(Effective Time)
May 11, 2020

Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 11
Scarborough River

Legend
- Red Painted Pool
- Prohibited
- Conditionally Approved

Areas B.1. through B.3. CLOSE when rainfall meets or exceeds 1" in 24 hours

Pollution Area No. 12