Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 5, 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. 12, Spurwink River, Prouts Neck, Cape Elizabeth (Old Orchard Beach, Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth): This notice reclassifies Kettle Cove from Approved to Conditionally Approved due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards, reclassifies Richmond Island from Prohibited to Approved and Conditionally Approved due to an updated shoreline survey and water quality meeting approved and conditionally approved standards, and reclassifies the lower Spurwink River from Conditionally Approved to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards. 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 of the following Prohibited areas:

1. Spurwink River: north of a line beginning on the shore at the end of Wiley Way (Spurwink River, Scarborough); and running due east to the opposite shore (Cape Elizabeth).

2. Prouts Neck: south of a line beginning at the west tip of the jetty on the western shore of Prouts Neck (Scarborough); AND east of a line beginning at the shore at the end of Parcher Avenue southeast to the southern tip of Stratton Island; AND west of a line beginning at the northeastern tip of Stratton Island then running northeast to the USCG green navigation C" 1" buoy at Old Proprietor (Scarborough); AND south of a line beginning at the USCG green navigation C" 1" buoy then running west to the shore at the end of Beach Road (Scarborough).

3. Richmond Island (Cape Elizabeth); within 500 feet of the shore.

B. Effective immediately, because of seasonal 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 Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:

North and west of a line located on the shore at the northern most point of the break water (Cape Elizabeth) then running southwest to the USCG green navigation C" 1" buoy at Old Proprietor (Scarborough) then running west to the shore at the end of Beach Rd; AND south of a line beginning on the shore at the end of Wiley Way (Scarborough); then running east to the opposite shore (Cape Elizabeth). This area is closed from May 1 through November 30.

B. Effective immediately, because of seasonal 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 Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:

East of the Richmond Island break water (Cape Elizabeth); AND north of a line beginning at East Point (Cape Elizabeth) running northeast to McKenney Point (Cape Elizabeth). This area is closed from August 1 through September 30.
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,

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Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

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