Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 17, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 17-A, Upper Harpswell Neck and Long Reach (Brunswick to Harpswell): This notice reclassifies Spruce and Morgan Coves from Approved to Restricted due to water quality no longer 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. Lookout Point: south of a line beginning at the northern tip of Lookout Point peninsula, then running northeast to a red painted post located on the shore approximately 488 yards northeast of Lookout Point.

2. Upper Harpswell Cove (Brunswick): north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the end of Osprey Lane, then running southeast to a red painted post at the end of the Brunswick Naval Air Station fence.

B. Effective immediately it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of Spruce and Morgan Coves (Harpswell): inside and shoreward of a line beginning at the end of Minott Shore Road running northeast to the southern tip of the unnamed prominent point in Spruce Cove (Harpswell). This area is classified as Restricted and requires a special MDMR permit.

C. 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: Long Reach (Harpswell), south of a line beginning at the shore at the end of Hannahs Cove Road running east to the opposite shore is closed June 1 through August 31.

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

12:20 PM
(Effective Time)