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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

May 15, 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. 19-A, Upper New Meadows River (Bath to Harpswell): This notice extends the closed period in Doughty Cove from June to October and reclassifies Laurel Cove from Approved to Conditionally Approved based on season due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards. 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 from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):
1. Upper New Meadows Marsh (Brunswick and Bath): north of the Old Bath Road/Old Brunswick Road.
 2. Northeast corner of Upper New Meadows Lake (West Bath): east of a line running south from the New Meadows Lake boat ramp, located on Old Brunswick Road, to a small, unnamed point of land, approximately 150 feet south of the boat ramp.
 3. The New Meadows River (Brunswick and West Bath): south of a line beginning at the north tip of Rosedale Point (West Bath) then running southwest to a large stone and wood crib dock on the west shore (Brunswick); AND north of a line beginning at the southern end of Rosedale Point approximately 110 yards southwest from the end of Kings Point Rd then running northwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
 4. Laurel Point (Harpswell): south of a line beginning at the northern tip of Laurel Point, running southeast to the western most point of the northern tip of Long Island (Harpswell); AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore east of the intersection of Laurel Point Circle and Laurel Shore road, running east to the opposite shore of Long Island (Harpswell).
 5. Dingley Island (Harpswell): west of a line beginning at the end of Dingley Island Road, then running northeast to the southeast tip of the easternmost prominence of a small unnamed cove.
 6. Lower Mill Cove (West Bath): the area within a 200 yard radius from a point located on the shore approximately 65 yards east of the end of Happy Nook Road.

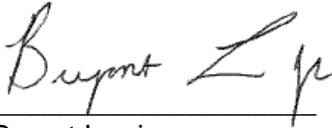
- B. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit:
1. Upper New Meadows River (West Bath): east of a line beginning at the southern end of Rosedale Point approximately 110 yards southwest from the end of Kings Point Rd then running south to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
 2. The New Meadows River: south and east of a line beginning at the south side of the mouth of Dam Cove (West Bath), then running southwest to the southern tip of Merritt Island; AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Merritt Island running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
 3. Winnegance Bay (West Bath): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore at the end of Shoal Cove Road then running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
 4. The New Meadows River (Phippsburg): east of a line beginning at the tip of the most eastern point of land on Brightwater, then running north to the most southeastern tip of Hen Island; AND south of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Hen Island running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore at the end of Samuels Landing Rd.
 5. Winnegance Bay, Paradise Cove (Phippsburg): southeast of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the northern end of Paradise Cove, approximately 80 yards west from New Meadows Drive, running southwest to a red painted post on the northern most point of land at the southern end of Paradise Cove.
- 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:
1. New Meadows River (West Bath): south of the Central Maine Railroad trestle; AND north of a line beginning at the north tip of Rosedale Point (West Bath) then running southwest to a large stone and wood crib dock on the west shore (Brunswick) are classified as Conditionally Approved, and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from May 1 through November 15.
- ~~D. Effective immediately, because of seasonal intermittent pollution 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 from June 1 through September 30; Doughty Cove (Harpswell): south of a line beginning at the northern most tip of Doughty Point running east to southwest side of the Gurnet bridge; AND south of a line beginning at the southeast side of the Gurnet Bridge running northeast to the southern tip of Bombazine Island (Harpswell), then running southeast to a red painted post on the western shore of Indian Point approximately 218 yards south of the northeastern point.~~
- D. 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:
1. Gurnet Strait and Laurel Cove (Harpswell): south of a line beginning at the southeast side of the Gurnet bridge running northeast to the southern tip of Bombazine Island (Harpswell), then running southeast to the tip of Foster Point (West Bath); AND west of a line beginning at Foster Point running south to the northern tip of Laurel Point (Harpswell) shall be closed from June 1 through September 30.

E. 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:

1. Doughty Cove (Harpswell): south of a line beginning at the northern most tip of Doughty Point running east to southwest side of the Gurnet bridge shall be closed from June 1 through October 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

7:30 AM
(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 19-A

Upper and Middle New Meadows River (Bath to Phippsburg)

