Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

June 19, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 classification change to Area No. 19-C, Lower New Meadows River (Harpswell to Phippsburg): This notice reclassifies the Restricted areas in The Basin, Round Cove, and Cape Small Harbor to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards. An interactive map that allows the user to zoom into 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. New Meadows River (Harpswell): south of the footbridge from the mainland to Hopkins Island; AND south and west of a line beginning at the south tip of Hopkins Island, then running northeast to the north tip of Sheep Island then running southeast to the east tip of Sheep Island, then running southwest to the south tip of Sheep Island, then continuing southwest to a red painted post located approximately 91 yards north of Fort Point; AND north of a line beginning at the south tip of Fort Point, then running west across Sandy Cove to the opposite shore.

2. Bear Island (Phippsburg): south of a line beginning at the northwest tip of Bear Island, then running southwest across the cove to the next most prominent point of land on the western shore of Bear Island.

3. New Meadows River (Phippsburg): south of a line beginning at the north tip of Malaga Island, then running due east to the mainland; AND east of a line beginning at the south tip of Malaga Island, then running southeast to the northwest tip of Harbor Island AND north of a line beginning at the south tip of Harbor Island, then running southeast to the point of land on the west side of Round Cove.

4. Burnt Coat and Little Wood Islands (Phippsburg): south of a line beginning approximately 136 yards southwest from the end of Holland Drive running west to the north tip of Burnt Coat Island and continuing approximately 152 yards west of Burnt Coat Island; AND east of a line beginning approximately 152 yards west from north tip of Burnt Coat Island running south approximately 5152 yards west of the south tip of Burnt Coat Island; AND east of a line beginning at the south tip of Burnt Coat Island running south to the north tip of Carrying Place Head; AND northeast of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Carrying Place Head, then running southeast to the north tip of Little Wood Island; AND northwest of a line beginning at the north tip of Little Wood Island then running northeast to the south tip of Newbury Point.

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. The Basin (Phippsburg): north of line beginning at a red painted post located on the southern tip of Thistle Point then running southwest to a red painted post on the southeastern tip of Brightwater shore.

2. Round Cove (Phippsburg): north of a line beginning on the west side of the mouth of Round Cove then running southeast across the mouth of the cove to the end of Cushman Hager Lane.

3. Cape Small Harbor (Phippsburg): east of line beginning at a red painted post located at the end of Alliquippa Rd then running south to the north tip of an unnamed island and continuing southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

C-B. Effective immediately, because of intermittent 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 from July 1 through October 31: the shores, flats, and waters of

1. Tottman Cove (Phippsburg): north of a line beginning at the south tip of Newbury Point, then running northeast to the west tip of Flat Point.

D-C. Effective immediately, because of intermittent 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 from June 1 through July 31: the shores, flats, and waters of

1. Cape Small Harbor (Phippsburg): east of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore approximately 110 yards from Sprague Road, then running south to a red 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

11:30 AM
(Effective Time)