Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 25, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 2-A, Portsmouth Harbor and vicinity (Kittery) and Isles of Shoals: This notice extends the Prohibited area at the mouth of Portsmouth Harbor/Piscataqua River due to the results of the Pierce Island Wastewater Facility dye study in New Hampshire and makes administrative changes to the format of the legal notice and the map. 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. Piscataqua River: west and north of a line beginning at the most eastern point of Searles Cove running southwest approximately 2500 yards to Kitts Rocks Lighted Whistle Buoy “2KR” then southwest approximately 1000 yards to the ME/NH state line southeast of a line across the Piscataqua River at the Memorial Bridge; and northwest of a line running from Jaffrey Point, Newcastle Island, in New Hampshire, to the dock at Fort Foster, Gerrish Island, in Maine.

2. Isles of Shoals: within 500 feet of the Isles of Shoals islands within Maine jurisdiction.

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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Commissioner’s Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

12:45 PM (Effective Time)