Ladies and Gentlemen:
Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 21-A, Upper Sheepscot River and Tributaries (Wiscasset, Alna, Newcastle): This notice reclassifies a portion of the Upper Sheepscot River from Restricted to Approved due to water quality meeting the approved standard. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

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:

2. Sherman Lake (Newcastle): south of Route 1.

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 Sheepscot River: north of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Chases Point (Newcastle) running northwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore approximately 480 yards east of the end of S. Old Sheepscot Road; AND west of the South Dyer Neck Road, north of the railroad bridge running from the Wiscasset shore to the Edgecomb shore; AND west of a line starting at the southwest tip of Chases Point (Newcastle) and running southwest to a red painted post on the mainland shore east of an un-named island; AND west of the South Dyer Neck Road.
2. Deer Meadow Brook (Newcastle): south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the northeast tip of Cunningham Island running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND north of Route 1.

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; north of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 600 yards northeast of the Wiscasset wastewater treatment plant, then running northeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore by the railroad trestle. This area is closed from June 1 to 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,

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Commissioner’s Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

12:45 PM (Effective Time)
Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 21-A
Upper Sheepscot River and Tributaries (Wiscasset, Alna, Newcastle)

Legend
Red Painted Post

Classification
Prohibited
Restricted
Conditionally Approved

C. This area will CLOSE
June 1 - August 31

July 27, 2017