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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. 21-D, Sheepscot River (Westport Island, Edgecomb, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor): This notice reclassifies an area along the northwest shore of Barbers Island from Approved to Prohibited 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 taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:
1. Barbers Island: east of a line beginning at the northernmost point of land at the end of Greenleaf Road and running northwest to the southernmost tip of Fowle Point (Westport); AND south of a line beginning at the southern tip of Fowle Point (Westport Island), running northeast to the south tip of Cross Point (Edgecomb); AND west of a line from a red painted post on the shore of an unnamed point of land in Edgecomb running southwest to the northernmost tip of Barbers Island. ~~AND south and west of a line beginning at Fowle Point, running southeast to a red painted post on the shore of the northernmost tip of an unnamed point of land approximately 100 yards north of Rocky Point on the northwest shore of Barbers Island (Boothbay).~~
  2. ~~Cross River (Edgecomb, Boothbay): north of a line beginning at Cross Point (Edgecomb) running southeast to a red painted post at the end of Stone Point Lane, Barbers Island(Boothbay); AND west of a line from a red painted post on the shore of an unnamed point of land in Edgecomb running southwest to the northernmost tip of Barbers Island.~~
  - 2.3. ~~Eastern Lobe of Parsons Creek (Edgecomb): north of a line beginning at a prominent point of land that separates the east and west lobes of Parsons Creek, then running due east to the opposite shore.~~
  - 3.4. ~~Sheepscot River (Westport Island and Boothbay): south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the point of land approximately 300 yards south of the mouth of McCarty Cove (Westport Island), then running east to the shore at the end of Greenleaf Road (Barbers Island, Boothbay); AND west of a line beginning at the end of Old Wharf Rd. (Barbers Island, Boothbay) running southeast to the north tip of Sawyer Island (Boothbay); AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Brook Point (Westport Island), then running northeast to the northern most point of Isle of Springs (Boothbay then northeast to the southwestern tip of Sawyer Island.~~

~~4.5.~~ Hodgdon Island; east of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Barter's Island (Boothbay) at the end of Barter's Island Rd., running southeast to the west shore of Hodgdon Island, then southwest to the tip of Sawyer Island at the end of Mary Anne Rd.; AND west of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Barter's Island (Boothbay) at the end of Crow Point Ln., running south to the north tip of Hodgdon Island; AND west of a line running from the southeast tip of Hodgdon Island to the northeast tip of Sawyer Island.

~~5.6.~~ Indiantown Island; south to a line beginning at a red painted post on the southeastern shore of Sawyer Island (Boothbay), running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the northeastern shore of Indiantown Island (Boothbay Harbor), running east to the opposite shore; AND east of a line beginning at the north tip of Indiantown Island running north to the shore on Sawyer Island.

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 areas without a special MEDMR permit:

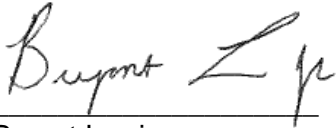
1. Sherman Creek (Edgecomb, Boothbay): east of a line beginning on the north bank of Sherman Creek at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 300 yards east of the creek mouth, running due south to the opposite shore.
2. Wildcat Creek (Boothbay): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of a rocky outcropping of land on the south shore of Wildcat Creek then running northwest to the opposite shore.
3. Parsons Creek (Edgecomb): northwest of a line beginning at a prominent point of land that separates the east and west lobes of Parsons Creek then running southwest to a red painted post located on a prominent point of land on the western shore Parsons Creek.
4. Merrow Island (Boothbay): east of a line beginning at the northeastern tip of Merrow Island, Boothbay running northeast to a red painted post on the mainland shore; AND east of a line beginning at the southwestern tip of Merrow Island, Boothbay running southeast to the West Barter Island Road causeway.

C. Effective immediately, due to intermittent pollution caused by rainfall, the shores, flats and waters in the following area are classified as Conditionally Approved and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels, when rainfall meets or exceeds 1" within a 24 hour period: east of a line beginning at a point of land at the end of Oven's Mouth Rd (Boothbay) running due north to the opposite shore AND west of a line beginning on the north bank of Sherman Creek at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 300 yards east of the creek mouth, running due south to the opposite shore; AND south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of a rocky outcropping of land on the south shore of Wildcat Creek then running northwest to 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](mailto: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)

