Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 20, 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-F, Lower Sheepscot River and Sheepscot Bay (Georgetown, Southport): This notice reclassifies the outer portions of Love Cove (Southport) from Approved to Restricted due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards. This notice also clarifies the Love Cove Prohibited boundary line language and updates the alpha-numeric identifiers for all classified areas. 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:

   A.1. Sheepscot River (Georgetown): south of a line beginning at the northern tip of Soldier Point and running due east to a point of land on the opposite shore of MacMahan Island; AND west of a line beginning at the southern tip of MacMahan Island and running due south to Turnip Island; AND west of a line beginning at the southern tip of Turnip Island and running southeast to Red Nun #8 and continuing southwest to the north tip of Outer Head; AND east of a line beginning at the north tip of Outer Head running northwest to a red painted post on an unnamed point of land AND south of a line beginning at the south tip of Dry Point, then running due west across the mouth of Harmon Harbor to a red painted post located at the southern end of a large stone dock on the opposite shore.

   A.2. Upper Harmon Harbor (Georgetown): north of a line extending from the fishing pier located on the east side of the harbor, and extending southwest to a red painted post located at a clearing on the shore of the west side of the harbor.

   A.3. Lower Sheepscot River (Georgetown): east of a line beginning at the southern tip of Indian Point, then running south to the southwest tip of Salter Island, then continuing in a southeasterly direction to the north tip of Whaleboat Rock; AND west of a line beginning at the north tip of Whaleboat Rock, then running northeast to the southeast tip of Salter Island, then continuing in a northeasterly direction to the tip of the prominent point of land at the east side of the mouth of the Little River, then running due west to a red painted post on the mainland.
D-4. Lower Sheepscot River (Southport and Boothbay Harbor): north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the end of Joppa Rd (Southport); the south tip of Bliss Island (Southport), then running northeast to a red painted post located at Ed Furber’s dock, off Winslow Road (Southport); AND east of a line beginning at a red paint post on the shore at the end of Joppa Rd (Southport) the north tip of Bliss Island, then running northwest to the southeast corner of Boston Island (Southport); AND south of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Boston Island, then running in an easterly direction to the green flashing light “7” at the north of Cameron Point (Southport), then running northeasterly to the red nun “#6” buoy, then running northeast to the point of land at the end of Eaton Road (Boothbay Harbor); AND west of a line beginning at the land at the north end of Landing Road (Southport), then extending north to the south tip of Oak Point (Boothbay Harbor).

E-5. Ebenecook Harbor (Southport): south of a line beginning at the north end of Big Green island extending to the north end of Raspberry Island; AND north of a line beginning at the dock on the east side of Big Green Island extending to the south end of Raspberry Island.

E-6. Lower Sheepscot River (Southport): west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the point of land beyond the end of Joppa Road, then running northwest to the northern point of ledge separating Pierce Cove and Love Cove; in a northerly direction to a red painted post located on the southeast corner of Browns Island; AND south of a line beginning at the north tip of Browns Island, then running in a westerly direction to the southwest tip of Little Green Island; AND inside and east of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Little Green Island, then running in a southerly direction to the red nun “#8” buoy, then continuing in a southerly direction to the red nun “#6” buoy, then continuing in a southerly direction to the northernmost end of the Cat ledges, then running southeast to the south tip of Cape Island, then running in an easterly direction to the southeast tip of Cape Island, then northeast to the eastern tip of “The Ark,” and continuing north to the southeast tip of Cape Newagen.

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. Long Cove (Southport): south of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the end of Joppa Rd (Southport); then running northeast to a red painted post located at Ed Furber’s dock, off Winslow Road (Southport).

G. Love Cove (Southport): from the northerly point of land bisecting the southern end of Love Cove, then running northeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore. This area is classified Restricted and requires a special MDMR permit.
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](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,

[Signature]

Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

2:30 PM

(Effective Time)