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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 29, 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 23-C, Lower Damariscotta River (Boothbay, South Bristol). This notice reclassifies an unnamed cove south of Clarks Cove (Walpole) from Approved to Restricted due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards. This notice also makes administrative changes to the headings and numbers of some pre-existing closed areas. 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:

1. Farmers Island (South Bristol): south of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Farmers Island, then running southeast, approximately 275 yards, to the nearest point of land; AND north of a line beginning at the south tip of Farmers Island, then running northeast, approximately 330 yards, to the nearest point of land.
2. Lower Damariscotta River (Boothbay and South Bristol): south of a line beginning at the northernmost prominence of Meadow Cove (Boothbay); then running southeast to a red painted post on the western shore of Jones Point (South Bristol); then continuing south along the western shore of Jones Point to the south tip and continuing south to the USCG Red Nun '6' navigational buoy; then running northeast to a red painted post located at the east side of Jones Cove, beyond the end of Garber Drive (South Bristol); AND north of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Ocean Point (Boothbay), then running southwest to the southeast tip of Green Island (Boothbay), then continuing northeast to the south tip of Reeds Island (Boothbay), then continuing northeast to the USCG Red and Green Nun 'FP' navigational buoy, then continuing southeast to the south tip of Shipley Point (South Bristol).
3. Inner Heron Island (South Bristol): within 500 feet of the shoreline.

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 without a special MDMR permit: northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the southern end of Clark Cove running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

~~RULE TITLE AND SUBJECT:~~ DMR Chapter 95.06(EE) Area No. 23-C, Lower Damariscotta River (Boothbay, South Bristol), amended on August 12, 2008, is amended as follows:

~~TITLE & TEXT OF RULE:~~ DMR Chapter 95.06(EE) Area No. 23-C, Lower Damariscotta River (Boothbay, South Bristol)

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~~B. Lower Damariscotta River (Boothbay and South Bristol): south of a line beginning at the northernmost prominence of Meadow Cove (Boothbay); then running southeast to a red painted post on the western shore of Jones Point (South Bristol); then continuing south along the western shore of Jones Point to the south tip; then running south to the red nun '6' buoy; then running northeast to a red painted post located at the east side of Jones Cove, beyond the end of Garber Drive (South Bristol); AND north of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Ocean Point (Boothbay), then running southwest to the southeast tip of Green Island (Boothbay), then running northeast to the south tip of Reeds Island (Boothbay), then continuing northeast to the red and green nun 'FP' buoy, then running southeast to the south tip of Shipley Point (South Bristol).~~

~~C. Inner Heron Island (South Bristol): within 500 feet of the shoreline.~~

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact 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/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm . This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,



Alison Sirois
Commissioner's Designee – Shellfish Growing Area Program Supervisor

10:54 AM
(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 23-C

Lower Damariscotta River (Boothbay, South Bristol)

