Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

June 25, 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 24-A, Johns River and Pemaquid River (South Bristol and Bristol): This notice reclassifies portions of the northern Pemaquid River to Conditionally Approved based on season due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards year-round. 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 Prohibited areas:

1. Johns River (Bristol): west of a line created by the western wall of the lobster pound seawall on Riverview Road; AND south of a line created by the intersection of the western and northern lobster pound seawalls continuing southwest to the southern tip of an unnamed island; AND east of a line beginning at the southern tip of an unnamed island at the end of the lobster pound seawall running approximately 210 yards south to a red painted post on the shore that is approximately 250 yard southwest from the seawall along Riverview Rd.

2. Pemaquid River (Bristol): north and east of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Fish Point, then running northwest to the north tip of Beaver Island, then running northwest to a red painted post located on the shore on the west side of Thurston Point (Bristol) approximately 220 yards north of the end of Tea House Lane, AND south and west of a line running southwest from the end of the pier at the Pemaquid Co-op to the east side of the prominent pier at Contented Sole Restaurant on the opposite shore.

3. Pemaquid River (Bristol): south and east of a line beginning at a red painted post located north of Heron Cove running northeast to a town maintained "sully stick" topside red winter buoy then continuing east to a red painted post located on the shore approximately 45 yards north of the end of Shore Road.

4. High Island (South Bristol): south and east of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the northeast end of a small point approximately 60 yards northeast of Fire Road 22 then running southeast approximately 410 yards to the northern tip of a prominent point of land on the opposite shore.

B. Effective immediately, because of seasonal non-point source pollution and proximity to a marina, the shores, flats and waters east of a line running southwest from the end of the pier at the Pemaquid Co-op to the east side of the prominent pier at the Contented Sole Restaurant; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore north of Heron Cove, then running northeast to a town maintained "sully stick" topside red winter buoy then continuing east to a red painted post located on the shore approximately 45 yards north of the end of Shore Road; AND south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the east end of a small point approximately 232 yards northeast of Lemuels Lane then...
running east to a red painted post located on the shore approximately 123 yards west of Lupine Road; AND south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 123 yards west of Lupine Road then running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore have been classified as Conditionally Approved and it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from May 1st - September 30th.

C. Effective immediately, because of seasonal non-point source pollution the shores, flats and waters of the northern Pemaquid River north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the east end of a small point approximately 232 yards northeast of Lemuels Lane then running east to a red painted post located on the shore approximately 123 yards west of Lupine Road; AND south and east of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 123 yards west of Lupine Road then running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore, have been classified as Conditionally Approved and it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from May 1st - October 31st.

C-D. Effective immediately, because of seasonal non-point source pollution the shores, flats and waters of the east branch of the Johns River east of a line created by the western wall of the lobster pound seawall on Riverview Road (Bristol) running north to a red painted post on the southern tip of Foster Island (S. Bristol); AND east of a line created by the East Branch Rd. (S. Bristol) causeway leading to Foster Island have been classified as Conditionally Approved and it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from June 1st – August 31st.

D-E. Effective immediately, because of seasonal non-point source pollution the shores, flats and waters of the north branch of the Johns River northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post on a prominent point of land on the west bank, approximately 200 yards north of the end of Tidewater Way running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore have been classified as Conditionally Approved and it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from May 1st - August 31st.

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,

Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

1:20PM (Effective Time)