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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

September 2, 2020

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 27-A, Eastern Wheeler Bay, St George: This notice reclassifies Wheeler Bay from Approved, Restricted, and Prohibited to Conditionally Approved based on rainfall. 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~~ or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

~~1. Calf Island, St George: inside of a line within 500 feet of Calf Island, beginning on the northern most point of Calf Island and continuing in a southwest direction around the island to the island's most southwestern prominence.~~

~~2.~~ 1. Wheeler Bay, St George: inside and north of a line drawn southeast from the south tip of Elwell Point to the north tip of Calf Island and continuing northeast to a red painted post located on the south tip of an unnamed point approximately 467 yards northeast of Calf 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 area(s) without a special MDMR permit:~~

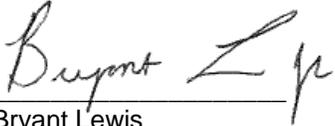
~~1. Wheeler Bay, St George: north of a line beginning at a red painted post along Harrington Cove approximately 125 yards south of the end of Weir Point Road then running northwest to a red painted post along the shore approximately 160 yards north of the end of Baum Road.~~

- B. Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution caused by rainfall, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) when rainfall meets or exceeds 1" within a 24 hour period. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html>

1. Wheeler Bay, St. George: west of a line drawn southeast from the south tip of Elwell Point to the north tip of Calf island; AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Clark Point running northeast to the southern tip of Calf Island.

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

2:30 PM
(Effective Time)

September 2, 2020



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Closed Area No. 27-A
Wheeler Bay, St George

