Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes
August 21, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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-B, Lower St. George River (Cushing and St. George): This notice updates a line description for a Prohibited area in Maple Juice Cove. 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, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited areas:

1. Maple Juice Cove (Cushing): north of a line beginning at the south end of the point at Sheep Point Lane, Cushing, extending to the southern tip of the un-named point on the opposite shore.

2. Maple Juice Cove (Cushing): inside of a line beginning at a red painted post on the west side of Burton Point, extending south to Green Can #7, then northeast to a red painted post the dock at the end of Hawthorne Point Rd. located on the east side of Burton Point.

3. Gay Island, (Cushing): east of a line beginning at the most narrow portion of Gay Island, then running southwest to the southernmost tip of the unnamed point of land at the northeast end of Gay Cove.

4. Deep Cove (St. George): inside of a line beginning at the western tip of the un-named point northeast of the point at the end of Crazy Point Lane then extending southwest to the tip of the point at the end of Crazy Point Lane then continuing southwest to the north end of Caldwell Island, then extending east to the point of land in Deep Cove at the end of Deep Cove Lane.

5. The Narrows (St. George and Cushing): inside of a line beginning at the point of land at the northern end of Teel Cove (St. George), then extending north to the north tip of Hawthorne Point (Cushing), then extending east to the tip of the unnamed point at the end of Duncan Lane on Otis Point, St George.

6. Maple Juice Cove (Cushing): north of a line beginning at the south end of the point at Sheep Point Lane, Cushing, running west to the eastern most point of land on the opposite shore.

B. Effective immediately, because of non-point source pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops taken from shores, flats, and waters of the following Restricted areas without a special MDMR permit:
1. Unnamed Pt. to Hawthorne Pt. (Cushing): west of a line extending southwest from a red painted post located on the east tip of the un-named point southwest of Bailey Point to the north tip of Hawthorne Pt. Cushing.

2. Wiley Cove (Cushing): west of a line extending southwest from the east tip of Bailey Point to a red painted post located on the east tip of the un-named point southwest of Bailey Point.

3. Otis Cove (St George): south of a line drawn across the most narrow portion of the western cove in Otis Cove, St George.

4. Eastern Otis Cove (St George): south of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the end of Fire Rd 313 running northwest to the point of land at the end of Kallio Cove Rd.

5. The Narrows (St. George and Cushing): west of a line beginning at the point of land at the northern end of Teel Cove (St. George) running north to the north tip of Hawthorne Point (Cushing); AND east of a line beginning at the Green Can #7 running northeast to a red painted post on the east side of Burton Point; AND north of a line running east from Teel Cove to Green Can #7.

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,

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Commissioner’s Designee
Maine Department of Marine Resources
Pollution Area No. 27-B
Lower St. George River (Cushing and St. George)

Legend
- Green Can
- Red Painted Post

Classification
- Prohibited
- Restricted
- Conditionally Approved

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