Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

June 19, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 change to Area No. 28-B, Patten Point, St. George to Thorndike Point, South Thomaston: This notice has been updated to the current format and reclassifies Waterman Beach from Prohibited and Approved to Restricted due to water quality meeting restricted standards. 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 from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

   A. 1. Baum Bay, (South Thomaston and St George): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the small beach on the southwest side of Elwell Point, South Thomaston and continuing to the north tip of Rackliff Island, St George, extending northwest to the southwest tip of Patten Point.

   B. 2. Spruce Head Island, (South Thomaston): inside of a line beginning at the end of Wharf Street, extending southwest to the north tip of Slins Island, then southeast to the south end of Burnt Island, then northeast to Red Nun “6”, then northwest to Halls Point; AND east of a line across the Spruce Head Island bridge.

   C. Waterman’s Beach, South Thomaston: inside of a line beginning at Halls Point and extending north to the wooden pier at Waterman’s Beach.

   D. 3. Thorndike Point, (South Thomaston): west of a line beginning at the end of Pleasant Beach Road and extending south to the end of Maple Street at Thorndike Point.

B. 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 from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit:

   1. Waterman Beach (South Thomaston): north and west of a line beginning at the northern tip of Halls Pt running northeast to the southern tip of Thorndike Pt. 
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,

Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

(Effective Time)
Maine Department of Marine Resources
Pollution Closed Area No. 28B
Patten Point, St George to Thorndike Point, South Thomaston

Legend
Classification
Prohibited
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