Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

July 12, 2013

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. 28-C, Rackliff Island, St. George: This notice downgrades an area in St. George from approved to prohibited due to a malfunctioning point source pollution. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

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 from the following areas:

A. Within 300 feet of the shore of Rackliff Island, south of the easternmost and westernmost tips of the island.

B. North of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the south tip of an un-named point 1400 feet northeast of Calf Island, then running southeast to the north end of the Rackliff Island causeway. This area is classified as “Restricted” and requires a special MDMR permit.

C. Within 300 feet of the shore beginning at a red painted post 300 yards to the southwest from the western most point of land 80 yards southeast from the end of Emery Wharf Rd; AND within 300 feet of the shore beginning at a red painted post 300 yards to the northeast from the western most point of land 80 yards southeast from the end of Emery Wharf Rd.

If you have questions, please contact Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9535, Email: Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov or Michelle Mason Webber, Department of Marine Resources, 21 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0021, Tel: (207) 624-6570, Email: Michelle.Mason@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,

Michelle Mason Webber
Commissioner’s Designee – Shellfish Program Coordinator

10:45 AM
(Effective Time)