Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 25, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 3, Sisters Point (Kittery) to East Point (York): This notice extends the closure period of Conditional Area (B.) due to the presence of boats at the marina later in the season. The closed period is from May 1 to November 30th inclusive. 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 from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

1. Brave Boat Harbor and vicinity (Kittery, York); west of a line beginning at Sisters Point (Kittery), then extending northeast to red nun “2SR”, and then extending northeast to the tip of East Point (York); AND east of a line starting at the southernmost point of land at the mouth of Brave Boat Harbor northern shore (York) and running south across the mouth of the Harbor to the most northeastern point of the prominent point of land, located on the opposite shore (Kittery); AND west of a line beginning at the most western point of Stage Neck (York) and running south to a red painted post on the mainland shore located approximately 72 yards west of the old pilings.

2. York River (York); west of Sewalls Bridge.

3. Upper Brave Boat Harbor: north and west of a line beginning at the old train trestle pilings, located on the northern shore of Brave Boat Harbor (York) and running southwest across the mouth of an unnamed creek to the opposite shore.

B. Effective immediately, because of seasonal 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 Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates: York River (York): east of Sewalls Bridge; AND west of a line drawn from the most western point of Stage Neck running south to a red painted post on the opposite shore is closed May 1 through November 30.

B. Effective immediately, because of intermittent seasonal pollution, the shores, flats and waters of the York River (York): east of Sewalls Bridge; AND west of a line drawn from the most western point of Stage Neck running south to a red painted post on the opposite shore. This area is classified as Conditionally Approved, and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from May 1 through November 15.
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 – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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(Effective Time)