Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

November 1, 2019

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 reclassifies the central portion of the York River from Prohibited to Restricted due to the remediation of known pollution sources. 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. Upper York River (York); west of Sewalls Bridge, north of Route 1 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 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. York River (York): north and west of Sewalls Bridge; AND south and east of Route 1 Bridge.

B. C. 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:
1. Lower York River (York): north and 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.

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
Commissioner’s Designee

1:30 PM
(Effective Time)
Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 3
Sisters Point (Kittery) to East Point (York)

Area C.1. is CLOSED
May 1 - Nov. 30

Legend
- Red Nun "2SR"
- Red Painted Post

Classification
NSSP
- Prohibited
- Restricted
- Conditionally Approved