Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

May 29, 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 30-I, North Haven: This notice reclasses a portion of Southern Harbor (North Haven) from Approved to Restricted due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

A. 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 of the following Prohibited areas:

1. Pulpit Harbor: west of a line formed by the Pulpit Harbor Bridge; AND south of a line beginning at red painted post the north tip of the un-named point south of Pulpit Rock running southwest to the southwestern most point of land at the mouth of Pulpit Harbor.

2. Deacon Browns Point: South of a line running northeast from the north tip of Deacon Browns Point to the north tip of the un-named point of land south of Pulpit Rock.

3. Bartlett Harbor: east of a line beginning on the north shore of Bartlett Harbor running southwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

4. Southern Harbor: northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the southernmost point of “Seaview Cemetery Cove” running northwest approximately 333 yards to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

5. Vinalhaven and North Haven: north and west of a line beginning at the southern tip of the unnamed point of land southwest of Hopkins Point (Vinalhaven), running northeast to the south tip of Hopkins Point then continuing northeast to the northwestern tip of Zeke Point then continuing north to the southern tip of Fish Point (North Haven); south of a line beginning at the northwest tip of Ames Knob, running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore: AND southeast of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 2100 yards northeast from the southern tip and on the eastern shore of Amesbury Point running southwest to the southern point of the Sugar Loaves, then running southeast to the south tip of Browns Head (Vinalhaven).

6. Kent Cove: north of a line beginning at an unnamed point of land on the east shore of Kent Cove, north of Indian Point running southwest to the southwestern tip of Armstrong Cove.

7. Indian Point, and Burnt Island: southwest of a line beginning at the western tip of Burnt Island running to a red painted post approximately 185 yards north of the end of Coopers
Lane on North Haven; AND north of a line beginning at the most southwestern point of Burnt Island running southwest to a red painted post on Indian Point, North Haven.

B. Effective immediately, because of non-point source pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from shores, flats, and waters of the following Restricted areas without a special MDMR permit:

1. Ames Creek: north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Amesbury Point running southwest to a red painted post on a rocky beach on the east shore of Crabtree Point.

2. Cox Cove Southern Harbor: South of a line beginning at the end of the pier at Y-Knot Boatyard running southwest to a red painted post located on the opposite shore; North of a line beginning at a red painted post at the northwest tip of Ames Knob running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND southwest of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the southernmost point of “Seaview Cemetery Cove” running northwest approximately 333 yards to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

3. North Haven: south of a line beginning at the wooden pier at the northern most point of Webster Head running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

4. Mullen Head: southwest of a line beginning at the northern tip of Burnt Island running northwest approximately 678 yards to the opposite shore.

5. North Haven Salt Pond: east of a line formed by the Pulpit Harbor Bridge; and west of a line formed by the Dam Road Bridge.

C. Effective immediately, because of pollution, the shores, flats and waters of North Haven Salt Pond east of a line formed by the Dam Road Bridge have been classified Conditionally Approved and will CLOSE to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels May 1 through November 30 when rainfall meets or exceeds 1 inch in a 24 hour time period.

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,

Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

11:00 AM
(Effective Time)