Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

May 15, 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. 31-A, Rockport to Northport. This notice reclassifies Ducktrap River from Approved to Conditionally Approved based on season due to water quality no longer meeting approved 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 or mussels taken from the shores, flats, and waters of the following Prohibited areas:

1. Rockport, Camden and Lincolnville Shore: west of a line beginning at the southeastern end of Deadman Point, Rockport, and running northeast approximately 7,000 yards to the “C1” navigation aid located at Dillingham Ledge, Camden; then running northeast approximately 8,000 yards to the RN”2” navigation marker located at Haddock Ledge, Lincolnville; then running northwest to the prominent pier on the eastern tip of an unnamed point, approximately 102 yards from the end of Harbor Drive, Lincolnville.

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:

1. Ducktrap River (Lincolnville): northwest of a line beginning at a prominent pier on the eastern tip of an unnamed point, approximately 102 yards from the end of Harbor Drive (Lincolnville) running northeast to a red painted post on the shore approximately 500 yards west of the end of Fire Road 3 “FR3” (Northport) shall be closed from October 1 through April 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 Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

7:30 AM
(Effective Time)