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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 17, 2015

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. 34-C, Vinalhaven: This notice reclassifies Smith Harbor from Conditionally Approved to Restricted and Coombs Cove from Approved to Restricted due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards. This notice also combines Roberts Harbor and Arey Cove into one Restricted area due to water quality meeting restricted standards. 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):

- 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 areas:
1. Winter Harbor: northwest of a line running across the mouth of an un-named cove on Calderwood Neck, located immediately to the east of Starboard Rock Road.
 2. Vinal Cove: ~~e~~ south and west of a line running across the narrowest part of the channel that separates Vinal Cove from the rest of Winter Harbor.
 3. The northern cove in 'The Basin': north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of a prominent point of land, approximately ~~e~~ 500 yards south of the north end of The Basin, then running ~~due~~ west to a red painted post located on the opposite shore.
 4. The west side of 'The Basin': west of a line beginning at the northeast point of Barton Island, then running ~~due~~ north to the opposite shore; AND east of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of Barton Island, approximately 200 yards east of the northeast point of Barton Island, then running ~~due~~ north to the opposite shore.
 5. Crotch Island and Lawrys Island: south of a line beginning at the northwest tip of Crotch Island, then running northeast to a red painted post located in the middle of the western shoreline of Lawrys Island; AND northwest of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Crotch Island, then running northeast to the south tip of Lawrys Island.
 6. Cedar Island: southwest of a line beginning at the north tip of Cedar Island, then running northeast to green can navigational buoy #1, then running southeast to the north tip of Pole Island, then running southwest to the south tip of Cedar Island.
 7. The southern cove in 'The Basin': south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of a prominent point of land, approximately 333 yards north of the southern end of the cove, then

running due east across the most narrow part of the channel to a red painted post located on the opposite shore.

8. Hurricane Island: within 500 feet of the shoreline.
9. Southwest Vinalhaven: south and east of a line beginning at the west tip of Barton Island, then running southwest to the south tip of Pole Island, then running southeast to red nun navigational buoy #10, then running south to the north tip of a prominent point of land approximately 317 yards southwest of the north tip of Greens Island; AND south and west of the causeway that separates Old Harbor Pond from Old Harbor; AND north of a line beginning at the south tip of the point of land on the eastern side of the mouth of Indian Creek, then running west to the south tip of Heron Neck (Greens Island).
- ~~10. Roberts Harbor: northwest of a line beginning at the south tip of Narrows Island, then running southwest to the eastern point of land beyond the end of Roberts Cemetery Road; AND south of a line running west from the western tip of Narrows Island to the opposite shore.~~

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 the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:—These areas are classified Restricted and harvest requires a special MDMR permit.

1. Crockett Cove and Long Cove: east of a line beginning at the southern tip of Crockett Point, then running southwest to the northwest tip of Dogfish Island; AND north of a line beginning at the south tip of Dogfish Island, then running southeast to the northwest tip of Leadbetter Island; AND north of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Leadbetter Island, then running southeast to a red painted post located on the shore beyond the end of Wharfs Quarry Road.
2. Mill Creek: south of a line beginning at a red painted post located ~~along~~ on the shore on the northern tip of the point of land beyond the end of Company Point Road, then running northeast, across the mouth of Mill Creek, to the northwest tip of Holt Point.
3. Seal Bay: south of a line beginning at the western tip of Penobscot Island, then running southwest across the narrowest part of the channel to the opposite shore; AND west of a line beginning at the east tip of an un-named point, located in the middle of the southeast shore of Penobscot Island then running southwest to a red painted post located on the tip of an un-named point 360 yards southwest of the western most tip of Burnt Island.
4. Old Harbor Pond: east of the causeway that separates Old Harbor Pond from Old Harbor.
5. Shipwreck Cove: north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Zeke Point, then running southeast to a red painted post on a prominent point on the opposite shore.
6. West Inlet of Carver Cove: west of a line beginning at a red painted post on the northeastern tip of land outside of Polly Cove running north to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
7. Smith Harbor: northwest of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the most southern point of Poole's Hill, approximately 230 yards south from the end of Poole's Hill road running southwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
8. Roberts Harbor and Arey Cove: northwest of a line beginning at the eastern point of land beyond the end of Roberts Cemetery Road running northeast to the south tip of Narrows Island; AND northeast of a line beginning at the northeastern tip of Narrows Island running northeast to the southern tip of Arey Neck.

9. Coombs Cove: northeast of a line beginning at the northern most pier on the western side of Coomb Neck running 305 yards northwest to the southwestern most point of Neck Island; AND south of a line beginning at the southeastern most point of Neck Island running to the northern most tip of Coombs Neck.

C. 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 the shores, flats and waters of the following areas. These areas are classified Conditionally Approved and will Close June 1st through August 31st.

~~1. Smith Harbor: northwest of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the most southern point of Poole's Hill, approximately 230 yards south from the end of Poole's Hill road running southwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore.~~

~~2. 1. Smith Cove: south of a line beginning at an unnamed point of land approximately 173 yards southeast from the end of Steep Rock Road running southeast to the opposite shore with a red painted post.~~

~~3. 2. Unnamed Cove (Mill River): west of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore of the southeastern most tip of Holt Point running south to the southeastern most tip of an unnamed island then continuing south to a red painted post on the opposite shore.~~

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. 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,



Alison Sirois
Commissioner's Designee – Shellfish Growing Area Program Supervisor

1:44PM
(Effective Time)



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