Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

July 30, 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. 35, Penobscot River (Stockton Springs to Castine): This notice reclassifies Fort Point Cove (Stockton Springs) from Restricted to Approved due to water quality 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 from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

1. Fort Point (Stockton Springs): East of a line starting at the eastern tip of Fort Point then running north to the southeast tip of Sandy Point; AND north of a line starting at the eastern tip of Fort Point running east to a red painted post located approximately 352 yards southwest of the junction of Routes 166 and 175 (West Penobscot).

2. Wadsworth Cove to Dice Head (Castine): East of a line starting from Blockhouse Point and then running south to the southern tip of Dice Head.

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. Wadsworth Cove (Castine): North of the bridge crossing Bog Brook located on Mill Lane.

2. Fort Point Cove (Stockton Springs): West of a line starting at the eastern tip of Fort Point and then running north approximately 3600 yards to the southeastern tip of Sandy Point.

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,

David W. Miller
Eastern Maine Growing Area
Commissioner’s Designee

4:15 PM
(Effective Time)