Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

September 28, 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. 36-F Islesboro: This notice reclassifies a portion of coastline between Hewes Point and Joes Rock from Prohibited to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards and a reevaluation of existing 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. Grindle Point; South and east of a line beginning at the south tip of Grindle Point and running southwest to the USCG N°2” navigational marker; AND north of a line beginning at the USCG N°2” navigational marker, running east to USCG N°6” navigational marker; AND west of a line beginning at the USCG N°6” navigational marker, running north to the granite pier on the mainland, locally referred to as Watt’s pier.

2. East of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Sherman Point, running south to the west shore of Thrumcap, then south to the prominent unnamed west point on Pendleton Point, then to the south tip of Pendleton Point; AND west of a line beginning at the south tip of Pendleton Point running northeast to the prominent unnamed east point on Pendleton Point, then running northeast to Gull Point; AND northwest of a line beginning at Gull Point running northeast to the western tip of Resolution Island; AND southwest of a line beginning at the western tip of Resolution Island running northwest to the southern tip of Joes Rock, then running west to the unnamed point of land immediately south of the Joes Rock sandbar, then north to Hewes Point, then north to USCG N°2” navigational marker; AND south of a line beginning at the USCG N°2” and running west approximately 950 yards to a prominent unnamed point of land inside Islesboro Harbor.

3. West of a line beginning at the south end of Fire Island, running northeast to the south tip of The Bluffs; AND south of a line beginning at the south tip of The Bluffs running west to the north tip of the unnamed point at the end of Ryder Cove Lane.

4. Seven Hundred Acre Island, West of a line beginning at the end of a prominent unnamed point on the north side of Cradle Cove, running southeast to the end of the prominent stone pier on the east point of Cradle Cove.

5. West of a line beginning at the tip of Hewes Point, then running north to USCG N°2” navigational marker; AND south of a line beginning at USCG N°2” running west approximately 950 yards to a prominent unnamed point of land inside Islesboro Harbor.
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,

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David W. Miller                                       3:15 PM
Eastern Maine Growing Area                             (Effective Time)
Commissioner’s Designee