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. 37, Blake Point to "The Herricks" Village and Orcutt Harbor (Brooksville). This notice reclassifies Orcutt Harbor (Brooksville) from Approved to Conditionally Approved due to water quality not meeting approved standards year-round. 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 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 from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

1. Bucks Harbor (Brooksville): northeast of a line beginning at the southern tip of Condons Point then running southeast to a red-painted post approximately 100 yards east of the "Oakland House" wharf in the village of "The Herricks" (Brooksville).
2. Stand Cove (Brooksville): northwest of a line beginning at the southern tip of a prominent point approximately 50 yards southeast of where Prentice Point Road ends on the shore, then running southweset to a red painted post on the eastern shore of Blake Point approximately 200 yards east of the intersection of Weir Cove Road and Bayberry Hill Road.

D. 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. Orcutt Harbor (Brooksville): north of a line beginning at Charles Howard Point running northeast to Condons Point. (Closed June 1 through October 31).

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or 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,

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

3:45 PM
(Effective Time)