Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

September 11, 2020
This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 38, Deer Isle to Stonington: This notice reclassifies the Deep Hole area of Long Cove (Deer Isle) from Conditionally Approved 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, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

1. Burnt Hill Cove (Stonington): north of a line beginning at an unnamed point approximately 250 yards east of the mouth of Burnt Hill Stream then running southeast to another unnamed point of land approximately 100 yards to the south of Burnt Hill Stream.

2. Stonington Harbor (Stonington): north of a line beginning at the southwest point of Moose Island, then running southeast to red nun #24, then running northeast to the northwestern ledge of the Dow Ledges, and then running north to the mouth of Ames Pond Stream.

3. Northwest Harbor and the Mill Pond (Deer Isle): southeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the western end of the Mill Dam, running approximately 330 yards northeast to a red painted post located on a point of land on the opposite shore. This closure includes all of “The Mill Pond” on the south side of the Mill Dam.

4. Pumpkin Island to Eggemoggin, Little Deer Isle (Deer Isle): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post at the end of Lighthouse Lane approximately 500 yards southwest of the boat launch running west to green navigational buoy #29; AND southeast of a line beginning at green navigational buoy #29 running northeast to green navigational buoy #25, AND southwest of a line beginning at green navigation buoy #25 running southeast to end at the boathouse at the end of Bircholm Lane.

5. Inner Harbor and Holt Pond (Deer Isle and Stonington): south of a line beginning at Morgan Point (off the end of Morgan Point Ln.) running south to a red painted post on the southern shore of Inner Harbor.
D. Effective immediately, because of seasonal pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:

1. Deep Hole Area (Deer Isle): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 300 yards northeast of the boat launch at Mariners Memorial Park running east to the northern tip of Sawyer Island; AND northwest of a line beginning at the northern tip of Sawyer Island running northeast to the western tip of Whig Island, then running from the northern tip of Whig Island north to the southern tip of the prominent point on the opposite shore. This area is closed July 1 through October 31.

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.main.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.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

5:00 PM
(Effective Time)