Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 22, 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. 38, Deer Isle to Stonington: This notice clarifies the pre-existing Prohibited area boundary description for the Pumpkin Island to Eggemoggin (Deer Isle) area. 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. Burnt Cove (Stonington): south of a line beginning at the end of the Fifield & Sons Lobster Co. pier running east approximately 370 yards to the base of a wooden pier.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

6. 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.
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. Northwest branch of Crockett Cove (Deer Isle and Stonington): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 250 yards southwest of where the Stonington town line crosses Burnt Cove Rd., running southeast to the head of the nearest peninsula in Stonington.

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. 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.maine.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

2:00 PM
(Effective Time)