Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 12, 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. 42-B Swans Island, Frenchboro, and vicinity (Swans Island): This notice reclassifies a portion of Toothacher Cove from Restricted to Approved based on water quality meeting approved standards. 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 Coat Harbor (Swan’s Island): north and west of a line beginning at a point of land approximately 75 yards south of the old Boathouse Restaurant, running northeast to the southern tip of City Point.

2. Red Point (Swan’s Island): south and west of a line beginning at the mouth of the Goose Pond Mountain Stream, running southwest to the tip of West Sister Island; AND north and west of a line beginning at the southwest tip of West Sister Island, running southwest to an unnamed point at the eastern end of Hero Beach.

3. Trafton Wharf area (Swan’s Island): east of a line beginning at the western tip of Store Point running southeast to the northern tip of Johnstons Island, AND north of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Johnstons Island running east to the northern tip of Dog Island; AND west of a line beginning at the northern tip of Dog Island running northeast to an unnamed point of land on the opposite shore.

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. Toothacher Cove (Swan’s Island): northwest of a line beginning at the southern tip of the jetty in Toothacher Cove running southwest to a red painted post on the nearest point of land on the opposite shore, northeast point of Little House Cove, running northeast to a red painted post located on the shore at the head of Toothacher Cove in line with the intersection of Rowe Road and North Street.

2. Mill Pond (Swan’s Island): east of a line beginning at the northern tip of Store Point, running north to the southern tip of an unnamed finger of land on the north shore of Mill Pond.
3. Cottles Cove (Swan’s Island): south of a line beginning at a red painted post on the tip of an unnamed point of land in front of the first house on the eastern shore of Cottles Cove running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

4. Kevin’s Cove (Swan’s Island): southeast of a line beginning at a point of land locally termed “Dreyer Point”, running southwest to the point of land at the end of Steamboat Road.

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

11:00 AM
(Effective Time)