Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 21, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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. 47, Northern Mount Desert Island and vicinity (Bar Harbor, Lamoine, and Trenton):

This notice reclassifies Thomas Bay (Bar Harbor) from Conditionally Approved to Approved based on 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, or mussels or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

1. Bar Harbor to Thrumcap: south and east of a line beginning at the northeast corner of the seawall at The Harborside Hotel and Marina property; running northeast to the eastern tip of Bar Island (Gouldsboro); then running east to the southern tip of Sheep Porcupine Island; AND west of a line beginning at the southern tip of Sheep Island running southeast to the most eastern tip of Bald Porcupine Island (Gouldsboro); and then running south to the western tip of Thrumcap, (Bar Harbor); AND north of a line beginning at the western tip of Thrumcap running southwest to an unnamed point of land approximately 500 yards southeast of Bear Brook outlet.

2. Bar Harbor to Hulls Cove: west of a line beginning at the easternmost tip of Lookout Point (Bar Harbor) running southeast to the western tip of Bar Island; and then running south to the corner of the seawall on the west side of Bridge Street (Bar Harbor).

3. Sand Point to Levi Point (Bar Harbor): south of a line beginning at a red-painted post located on the shore of the most northern tip of Sand Point; running east to the Coast Guard navigational buoy “C13” (Sunken Ledge); then running southeast to a red painted post located on the shore of the eastern tip of Levi Point.

4. Salisbury Cove (Bar Harbor) south of a line beginning at a red-painted post located on the shore of the most northern point of land on the west side of Salisbury Cove running northeast to a red painted post located on the shore of the most northern point of land on the east side of Salisbury Cove.
5. Raccoon Cove (Lamoine): North and west of a line beginning at the southern tip of Old Point running southwest to the northwest tip of Shooting Ledge; AND north and east of a line running from the northwest tip of Shooting Ledge to a red painted post on the shore approximately 60 yards south of the end of Ford Lane.

B. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, or mussels or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit:

1. Trenton Airport (Trenton): north and west of a line beginning at the north end of the Trenton-MDI bridge; running northeast to Trap Rock; then north to a red painted post located on the shore on the west side of the Trenton Airport seaplane ramp.

C. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, or mussels or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit during the closed dates. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html.

1. Bar Island Bar (Bar Harbor): east of a line beginning at the seawall on the west side of Bridge Street running northwest to the western tip of Bar Island (Gouldsboro); AND west of a line beginning at the northeast corner of the seawall at The Harborside Hotel and Marina property running northeast to the eastern tip of Bar Island. This area is closed from June 1st to February 28th AND during any discharge event from the Roderick Street and West Street combined sewer overflows (CSOs) of the Bar Harbor Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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. Thomas Bay (Bar Harbor): south of a line beginning at the northwest tip of Blunts Point running southwest to a red painted post located on the shore of an unnamed point of land forming the east margin of the salt pond at the mouth of Jones Marsh. This area is closed from May 1st through October 31st.

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
Eastern Maine Growing Area
Commissioner’s Designee

3:00 PM
(Effective Time)

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