Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 12, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 500, Maine Coast Flood Closure: This notice repeals the Maine Coast Flood Closure due to water quality returning to 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):

Effective immediately, because of pollution from heavy rainfall, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, or mussels from the shores, flats and waters;

East of a line beginning at Reeds Island (Boothbay Harbor) running south to the limit of U.S. jurisdiction; AND west of a line beginning at Oak Pt. (Trenton) running southwest to the southeast tip of Long Island (Blue Hill), then continuing southwest to Great Spoon Island (Isle-Au-Haut), then running southeast to the limit of U.S. jurisdiction.

East of a line beginning at Tom Leighton Pt. (Milbridge) running south to the northern tip of Bois Bubert Island (Milbridge); AND east of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Bois Bubert Island running south to the limit of U.S. jurisdiction; AND west of a line beginning at Cape Split (Addison) running south to the limit of U.S. jurisdiction.

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,

[Signature]

Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

2:00 PM
(Effective Time)