Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification—Notification of Changes

May 3, 2019

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 52-E, Dyer Bay, Dyer Harbor, and Pinkham Bay (Steuben). This notice reclassifies a portion of the Prohibited area in Dyer Bay (Petit Manan Point, Steuben) to Approved due removal of overboard discharges (OBDs) and 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 from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

1. Dyer Bay (Steuben): east of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Petit Manan, running north to Yellow Birch Head, then running north to the western prominence of Petit Manan Point approximately 530 yards southwest of Over Point.

2. Dyer Harbor (Steuben): northwest of a line beginning at the remains of an old pier approximately 600 yards south of the bridge crossing Dyer Brook at the head of the harbor, running northeast to the nearest 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 taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following “Restricted” areas without a special MDMR permit.

1. Dyer Harbor (Steuben): north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Goods Point and running northwest to the point of land at the end of Harbor Road; AND southeast of a line beginning at the remains of an old pier approximately 600 yards south of the bridge crossing Dyer Brook at the head of the harbor, running northeast to the nearest point of land on the opposite shore.

2. Pinkham Bay (Steuben): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the west shore of Pinkham Bay approximately 585 yards southwest of the Pinkham Bay Bridge then running east to an unnamed prominent point of land on the opposite shore; AND west of a line beginning at the unnamed prominent point of land then running northeast to the westernmost tip of Hog Island, then running north to a red painted post approximately 250 yards east of the west end of the Pinkham Bay Bridge.

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

2:30 PM
(Effective Time)
Maine Department of Marine Resources
Pollution Area No. 52-E
Dyer Bay and Pigeon Hill Bay (Steuben) 5/3/19

Legend
- red painted post

NSSP
- Prohibited
- Restricted
- Conditionally Restricted
- Conditionally Approved

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