Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

March 26, 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification changes to Area No. 52, Schoodic Point to Corea (Winter Harbor, Gouldsboro): this notice repeals a Prohibited area and a Restricted area in Prospect Harbor (Gouldsboro) due to 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. Arey Cove, (Winter Harbor): north of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Big Moose Island running east to the southwest tip of Little Moose Island; AND west of a line beginning at the northern tip of Little Moose Island, running north to the mainland.

2. Birch Harbor (Gouldsboro): northwest of a line beginning at the eastern tip of an unnamed point on the southwest shore of Birch Harbor located approximately 600 yards south-southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge running northeast to another unnamed point on the north shore approximately 467 yards southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge.

3. Forbes Stream (Gouldsboro): north of a line that begins at a red-painted post on the shore of a point of land at Albee’s Cottages and then runs northeast across the mouth of Forbes Stream to the opposite shore, approximately 400 yards south of the Rt. 186 bridge.

43. Prospect Harbor (Gouldsboro): west of a line beginning at the most southeastern tip of Pettees Point, running north to the USCG navigational aid “Gong 3” (east of Clarks Ledge), then north to the southern tip of Prospect Harbor Point; AND south of a line beginning at the southern tip of Prospect Harbor Point, running west to an unnamed point on the west shore of Inner Harbor approximately 767 yards south of the mouth of Forbes Stream.

54. Shark Cove (Gouldsboro): northeast of a line beginning at a red-painted post at the northwest mouth of Shark Cove, then extending southeast to a red-painted post on the southeast mouth of Shark Cove.

65. Corea Harbor (Gouldsboro): South and west of a line beginning at the east tip of Youngs point then running southeast to the west tip of Sheep Island; AND north of a line beginning at the west tip of Sheep Island, running southwest to the southern tip of an un-named point of land forming the western mouth of Corea Harbor.
76. Sand Cove (Gouldsboro) west of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Sampson Point running southwest to the opposite shore forming the south side of an unnamed cove.

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. Prospect Harbor (Gouldsboro): north of a line beginning at the light house on the southern tip of Prospect Harbor Point, running west to a small unnamed point of land on the west shore of Inner Harbor approximately 767 yards south of the mouth of Forbes Stream; AND south of a line that begins at a red painted post located on the shore of a point of land at Albee’s Cottages, running northeast across the mouth of Forbes Stream to the opposite shore, approximately 400 yards south of the Rt. 186 bridge.

D. Effective immediately, because of seasonal 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 Approved area(s) during the closed dates:

1. Long Mill Cove (Gouldsboro): west of a line beginning on the shore at the southeastern tip of an unnamed point on the north shore of Long Mill Cove, running south to the opposite shore. This area is closed from May 1 to October 31.

2. Birch Harbor: east of a line starting at the eastern tip of an unnamed point on the southwest shore of Birch Harbor located approximately 600 yards southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge at the head of the harbor, running northeast to another unnamed point on the north shore located approximately 467 yards southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge; AND west of a line beginning at the northern tip of the point at the end of Ocean Wood Way running north to a point on the north shore approximately 565 yards southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge. This area is closed from July 1 to October 31.

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov. During weekends/holidays, contact 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/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.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

9:00 AM
(Effective Time)