Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

March 27, 2015

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 and administrative changes to Area No. 53-A, Pleasant River (Addison and Harrington): This notice makes a new Restricted area in Carrying Place Cove (Harrington) due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards and downgrades the Restricted area in Batson Brook (Addison) to Prohibited due to water quality no longer meeting restricted standards. This notice also makes administrative changes to the headings and numbers of some pre-existing closed areas. All existing pollution and red tide/PSP 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, mussels and other marine mollusks from all shores, flats and waters of Pleasant River (Addison): upstream and north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the northwest shore of Dyer Cove; then running southeast to the northeast tip of Whites Point and running northeast to an unnamed point of land on the opposite shore.

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. Pleasant River (Addison): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the northwest shore of Dyer Cove running southeast to the northeast tip of Whites Point, then running northeast to an unnamed point of land on the opposite shore approximately 485 yards south of the intersection of McMann and East Side Rd.

2. Batson Brook (Addison): east of a line beginning on the westernmost point of land on the north side of the mouth of Batson Brook, running south to a red painted post on the south shore of the mouth of the Baston Brook.

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

1. Dyer Cove: south and west of a line beginning at the northern most tip of Whites Point and running northwest approximately 300 yards to a red painted post on the western shore of Dyer Cove.

2. Batson Brook (Addison): east of a line beginning on the western most point of land on the north side of the mouth of Batson Brook, running south approximately 270 yards to a red painted post on the south shore of the cove.

2. Carrying Place Cove (Harrington): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on an unnamed point of land at the end of Fred Ward Road, running east to a red painted post located located on the south tip of an unnamed point of land.
C. Effective immediately because of intermittent pollution, the following area is classified as Conditionally Approved and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from June 1 – October 31. Ramsdell Cove (Harrington): north of a line that begins at the southernmost tip of Deer Island and runs west approximately 300 yards to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND north of a line that begins at the northernmost tip of Deer Island and runs east approximately 125 yards to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

D. Effective immediately, because of seasonal pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from all shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:

1. Ramsdell Cove (Harrington): north of a line that beginning at the southernmost tip of Deer Island running west approximately 300 yards to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND north of a line that begins at the northernmost tip of Deer Island and runs east approximately 125 yards to a red painted post on the opposite shore. This area is closed from June 1 – 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,

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J. Kohl Kanwit
Commissioner’s Designee- Director, Bureau of Public Health
(Effective Time)