Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

June 25, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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. 53-A, Pleasant River (Addison and Harrington): This notice changes the Prohibited area in Batson Brook (Addison) to Approved 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, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

1. Pleasant River (Addison): north of a line beginning directly west of the north tip of Marsh Island (Addison) running east to the north tip of Marsh Island, then running directly east to the opposite shore.

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, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops from all shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit:

1. Pleasant River (Addison): South of a line beginning directly west of the north tip of Marsh Island (Addison) running east to the north tip of Marsh Island, then running directly east to the opposite shore; AND north of a line beginning directly west of the southern tip of Marsh Island running east to the southern tip of Marsh Island, then running east to the northern bank of Knowles Brook outlet.

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

3:30 PM
(Effective Time)