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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

July 2, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 53, Narraguagus River and vicinity to the Harrington River (Cherryfield, Milbridge, Harrington): This notice changes a portion of the Prohibited area in the Narraguagus River, (Milbridge) to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards and changes a portion of the Prohibited area near Mitchell Point to Restricted. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

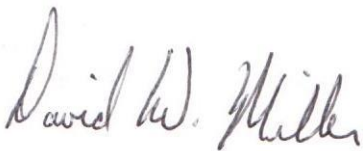
The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

- 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. Smith Cove to Stover Cove (Milbridge): north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the northwest shore of Stover Cove running east to the USCG navigational aid, "C5"; AND south of a line beginning at the USCG navigational aid "C5" running northwest to the retaining wall at the north shore of Smith Cove.
 2. Narraguagus River to Mitchell Point (Cherryfield and Milbridge): ~~north of a line beginning at the northern tip of Mitchell Point running east to the USCG navigational aid N"2" buoy; AND west of a line beginning at the USCG navigational aid N"2" buoy running northwest to the northeastern tip of Long Point; AND northwest of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Long Point (Milbridge) then running northeast to the southeast~~ southwest tip of Fickett Point.
 3. Upper Harrington River and Lily Cove (Harrington): north of a line beginning at the northwest mouth of Mill Creek and running northwest to an unnamed point of land on the opposite shore at the mouth of Lily 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. Curtis Creek (Flat Bay, Harrington): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the western point of land at the mouth of Curtis Creek, running to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
 2. North of Smith Cove (Milbridge): west of a line beginning on the southern tip of a point of land at the end of Ocean Breeze Rd.; running southwest to the northeast point of land on the southern shore of Smith Cove; AND northeast of a line beginning at the northeast point of land on the southern shore of Smith Cove running northwest to the retaining wall at the north shore of Smith Cove (Milbridge).

3. Mill Creek (Harrington): east of a line beginning at the point of land at the south shore of the mouth of Mill Creek running north to the point of land at the north shore of the mouth of Mill Creek.
 4. West Carrying Place Cove (Harrington): east of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore at the tip of McLetchie Point running north to a red painted post located on the shore of Gallant Point.
 5. Turner Cove (Milbridge): ~~southwest of a line beginning at the northern tip of Turner Point (Milbridge) running north to the USCG navigational aid N "2" buoy; AND south of a line beginning at the USCG navigational aid N "2" buoy, running west to the north tip of Mitchell Point, running northwest to the shoreside bulkhead of Jordan's Pier.~~
- D. Effective immediately, because of seasonal 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 Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:
1. Back Bay (Milbridge): north and east of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the east shore of Wallace Cove running northwest to the north tip of Little Island, then running northwest in line with the eastern side of Back Bay Ledge to a point of land located on the west shore of Back Bay in line with the Milbridge FCC Cell Phone Tower. This area is closed from June 1 through October 31.
 2. Flat Bay (Harrington) south of a line beginning at a red painted post at the western point of land at the mouth of Curtis Creek, running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the tip of a prominent point of land on Keylog Shore and running west to the opposite shore. This area is closed from June 1 through October 31.

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,



David W. Miller
Eastern Maine Growing Area
Commissioner's Designee

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(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

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(Cherryfield, Milbridge, Harrington) 7/2/19

