Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

May 8, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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. 54, Moosabec Reach, Beals Island and Vicinity (Jonesport, Beals). This notice reclassifies the Restricted area in Station Harbor (Great Wass Island) 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. Moosabec Reach (Jonesport): north of a line beginning at the west end of Henry Point, running southwest to Coast Guard Daymark 18; then running southwest to Coast Guard Nun 18A; then running southwest to the eastern tip of Barneys Island (Beals); AND northeast of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Barneys Island then running northwest to Saddlers Point (Jonesport).

2. North End of Beals Island (Beals): east of a line beginning at the western tip of Indian Point running north to the eastern tip of Barneys Island; AND south of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Barneys Island running northeast to Coast Guard Nun 18A; AND west of a line beginning at Coast Guard Nun 18A running south to the eastern tip of Perio Point.

3. Alley Bay-Pig Island Gut (Beals): north and east of a line starting at the shore at the intersection of Alley Bay Road and the Back Field Road running northwest approximately 200 yards, then running northeast to Hixey Head; AND south of a line beginning at Hixey Head running northeast to the southernmost point on Sawyer Island, then running southeast to the most northeast tip of Great Wass Island.

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 the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit:

1. Station Harbor, Great Wass Island (Beals): east of a line beginning at the southern tip of the point of land on the north shore of Station Harbor, running to the tip of an un-named point on the southern shore of Station Harbor.
2-1. Indian Point (Beals): east of a line beginning at the westernmost tip of Indian Point and running southeast to the westernmost tip of an unnamed point located south of the end of Hannahs Point Road.

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

4:00 PM
(Effective Time)