Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 15, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification changes to Area No. 54-H, Chandler River to Roque Island (Jonesport, Jonesboro, Roque Bluffs). This notice reclassifies the Restricted area in the Chandler River to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards. In addition, this notice reclassifies a portion of the Prohibited area in the Chandler River to Approved due to remediation of pollution point sources and water quality meeting approved standards. 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. Chandler River (Jonesboro): north of a line beginning at the end of the Evergreen Point Road municipal boat ramp running west to the opposite shore, northwestern tip of Deep Hole Point running northwest to the southeastern tip of Kilton Point.

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. Sanford Cove (Roque Bluffs): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 415 yards from the culvert on the Great Cove Road then running northwest to the southern shore of the mouth of an unnamed brook.

2. Chandler River (Jonesboro): north of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Schoolhouse Point running east to the southwest tip of Evergreen Point; AND south of a line beginning at the northwestern tip of Deep Hole Point running northwest to the southeastern tip of Kilton Point.

3. Black Head (Roque Bluffs): east of a line starting at the southwest tip of Black Head (Roque Bluffs) and then running northwest to a red painted marker located on the shore approximately 230 yards northwest from the center of the first culvert on the Cow 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)