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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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 changes to Area No. 55-A Holmes Bay (Whiting and Cutler); this notice changes one of the Restricted areas in Holmes Bay 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):

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

~~1. North Holmes Bay (Whiting): north of a line beginning at the southern tip of an un-named point of land, located directly across Route 191 from Looks Cemetery, then running southwest to a red-painted post, located at the high tide mark, 1200 feet east of the Machiasport-Whiting town line.~~

2.1. Holmes Stream (Whiting/Cutler): northeast of a line beginning at the western tip of an un-named point on the north side of Huntley Creek (Cutler), then running northwest to the southern tip of land on the north shore of the mouth of Holmes Stream (Cutler).

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

3:30 PM
(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 55-A

Holmes Bay (Whiting and Cutler)

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