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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

March 21, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 55-B, Southwestern Machias Bay (Machiasport). This notice changes the Conditionally Approved area in Bucks Harbor (Machiasport) to Approved due to 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): Howard Cove and Starboard Cove (Machiasport): west of a line beginning at a red-painted post located at the top of the Jasper Beach natural seawall, approximately 336 yards west of the entrance to the Jasper Beach salt pond, then running southwest to the south tip of an unnamed point of land at the southeast mouth of Howard Cove, then continuing southwest to the south tip of the point of land at the northeast mouth of Starboard Creek where it enters into Starboard Cove.
- ~~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: Bucks Harbor (Machiasport): west of a line beginning at the northeastern most tip of Bucks Neck (Machiasport) and running northeast to the south tip of Mountain Head (Machiasport). This area has been classified as "Conditionally Approved" and it shall be closed from September 1 to 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

12:30 PM
(Effective Time)

Maine Department of Marine Resources
Pollution Area No. 55-B
Southwestern Machias Bay (Machiasport) 3/21/19

