Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification—Notification of Changes

May 3, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area 56, Northwestern Cobscook Bay (Edmunds Twp, Dennysville, Pembroke, Perry): This notice reclassifies the Restricted area in Sipp Bay (Perry) 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 or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):

   1. Pennamaquan River (Pembroke): northwest of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the west shore of the Pennamaquan River approximately 400 yards south of the intersection of the Brickyard and Leighton Point roads and then running northeast to a red painted post on the east shore of the Pennamaquan River.

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. Sipp Bay (Perry): west of a line beginning at the south tip of an unnamed point on the east shore of Sipp Bay approximately 310 yards from the center of the culvert where Sipp Stream crosses the Old County Road, then running south to the east most tip of an unnamed point on the west shore of Sipp Bay.

   2. Dennys River and Hardscrabble River (Pembroke, Dennysville and Edmunds Twp): west of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Hinkley Point then running south to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

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. Hobart Stream (Edmunds Twp.) West of the US Route 1 Bridge. This area is closed July 1st through December 31st.

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](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

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2:30 PM
(Effective Time)