Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification - Notification of Changes

July 1, 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 57, Whiting Bay (Whiting, Edmunds, Trescott): This notice increases the size of the prohibited area near East Stream due to the identification of a point source of pollution during a routine shoreline survey. All existing pollution and red tide/PSP 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. South Whiting Bay (Whiting, Trescott): south and east of a line beginning at the north mouth of Mill Stream and running southeast to the west tip of Dennison Point, east of a line beginning at the point of land at the mouth of Moon Brook, then running north to a red-painted post on the opposite shore at the northern mouth of East Stream.

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. Crane Mill Brook (Edmunds Twp): north of a line beginning at the west side of the bridge on the Bell Farm Rd running east to the opposite side of the bridge.

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. Timber Cove (Trescott Twp): south of a line beginning at the northern tip of an un-named point that forms the western mouth of Timber Cove, then running northeast to the southern tip of a small island in the center of Timber Cove, then running southeast to a red-painted post located on the tip of a small un-named point on the eastern shore of Timber Cove. This area is closed May 1 through September 30.

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or kohl.kanwit@maine.gov. During weekends/holidays, contact 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/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

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Commissioner’s Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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(Effective Time)