Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

June 5, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 59, Outer Cobscook Bay (Eastport and Perry): This notice repeals the Prohibited area in Little River, Perry due to remediation of a pollution point source. 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 taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

1. Eastport: inside (shoreward) of a line beginning at the easternmost point of land on Harris Point then running east to the south tip of Dog Island; then running southeast to Nav. Aid G “3” on Clark Ledge and then running southeast to the east tip of Todd Head; then southeast to the US-Canadian international border and then following the international boundary south to a point due east from the south tip of Estes Head: than running due west to the tip of Estes and then northwest to the south tip of Shackford Head.

2. Kendall Head (Eastport): inside a line beginning at a red-painted post on the east end of the Carlow Island-Quoddy Village causeway; then extending northeast toward the south tip of Clam Cove Head, Deer Isle, New Brunswick, Canada; then runs south to a red-painted post located at the east tip of Kendall Head; This closure extends northeast to the US-Canadian international border.

3. Sipayik, Pleasant Point (Perry): inside a line beginning at the east tip of Frost Point; then extending east to the south tip of Clam Cove Head, Deer Isle, New Brunswick, Canada; then runs southwest to the south end of the Maine Central Railroad right of way causeway rock sea wall, Pleasant Point; This closure extends east to the US-Canadian international border.

4. Little River (Perry): west of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Gleason Point and extending southwest approximately 100 yards to a point on the opposite shore of Gleason Cove.

B. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit.
1. Little River (Perry): west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the north shore of the Little River approximately 300 yards from the Route 1 bridge; then running south to the opposite shore of the Little River.

24. Half Moon Cove (Eastport): south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the western tip of an un-named point of land on the east shore of Half Moon Cove (Eastport) approximately 185 yards from the intersection of Snyder and Toll Bridge Road; then running west to the eastern most tip of an unnamed point of land on the west shore of Half Moon Cove (Eastport).

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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(Effective Time)

David W. Miller
Eastern Maine Growing Area Commissioner’s Designee