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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 20, 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. 6, Ogunquit River to Webhannet River (Ogunquit and Wells): This notice reclassifies the Prohibited and Restricted portions of the Webhannet River to Approved and reclassifies portions of the Conditionally Approved area to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards. The remaining Conditionally Approved area in the Webhannet has a reduced closure period due to water quality meeting approved standards in the open status. 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 taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

1. Upper Ogunquit River (Ogunquit): north of a line starting from the northeast corner of the boat ramp at the Ocean Street footbridge and running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

2. Lower Ogunquit River, Ogunquit Beach, Moody Beach, Wells Beach and the Webhannet River (Ogunquit and Wells): southwest and shoreward of a line formed by the Beech Street bridge (Ogunquit); AND west and shoreward of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Israel's Head (Ogunquit), then running northeast to Bibb Rock, then running north to the eastern tip of the northern jetty at the mouth of the Webhannet River (Wells), AND south of a line running northwest from the southern edge of the parking lot at the end of Foster Lane to the point of land at the end of Atlantic Avenue.

~~3. Pope Creek, Webhannet River (Wells): west of a line starting at a red painted post at the northern shore at the mouth of Pope Creek and running south across the mouth of Pope Creek and continuing south across the mouth of an unnamed creek to a red painted post.~~

3.4. Western Shore of Ogunquit River (Ogunquit): west of a line starting from the southern tip of an unnamed point of land located on the western shore of the Ogunquit River and running southwest across a sandbar to a red painted post located on the shore in front of The Dunes on the Waterfront Hotel.

B. 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. Ogunquit River (Ogunquit): south of a line starting from the northeast corner of the boat ramp at the Ocean Street footbridge and running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND east of a line starting from the southern tip of an unnamed point of land located on the western shore of the Ogunquit River and running southwest across a sandbar to a red painted post located on the shore in front of The Dunes on the Waterfront Hotel; AND north of a line created by the Beech St bridge (Ogunquit). This area is closed from May 1st through October 31st.

2. Upper Webhannet River (Wells): north of a line beginning at the prominent point at the end of Jetty Ln (Wells) running west to the opposite shore. This area is closed from August 1st through October 31st.

~~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. Webhannet River (Wells): south of Mile Road.~~

~~2. Depot Brook, Webhannet River (Wells): west of a line drawn across the mouth of Depot Brook.~~

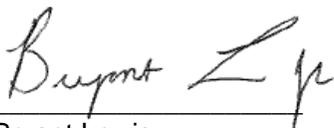
~~C. Effective immediately, because of pollution, the shores, flats and waters of the Ogunquit River (Ogunquit), south of a line starting from the northeast corner of the boat ramp at the Ocean Street footbridge and running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND east of a line starting from the southern tip of an unnamed point of land located on the western shore of the Ogunquit River and running southwest across a sandbar to a red painted post located on the shore in front of The Dunes on the Waterfront Hotel; AND north of a line created by the Beech St bridge (Ogunquit) have been classified as "Conditionally Approved," and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from May 1 through October 31.~~

~~D. Effective immediately, because of pollution, the shores, flats and waters of the upper Webhannet River (Wells), north and west of a line starting at the boat ramp located at the end of Harbor Road and running northeast to the northernmost point of land at the end of Atlantic Avenue, and then running east to the southern edge of the parking lot at the end of Foster Lane, AND east of a line running across the mouth of Depot Brook; have been classified as "Conditionally Approved", and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from May 1 through November 30.~~

~~E. Effective immediately, because of pollution, the shores, flats and waters of the lower Webhannet River (Wells), north of Mile road, AND south of a line starting at the boat ramp located at the end of Harbor Road and running northeast to the northernmost point of land at the end of Atlantic Avenue, AND east of a line starting at the northern shore at the mouth of Pope Creek and running south across the mouth of Pope Creek and continuing south across the mouth of an unnamed creek to a red painted post have been classified as "Conditionally Approved", and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from May 1 through December 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,



Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner's Designee

2:30 PM
(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources



Pollution Area No. 6 Ogunquit River to Webhannet River (Ogunquit and Wells)

