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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification- Notification of Changes

April 6, 2020

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced

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 lower Webhannet River to Restricted due to water quality no longer 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):

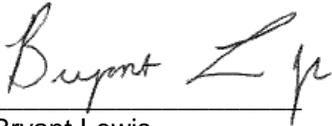
- A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, ~~or~~ mussels or whole or roe-on scallops taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:
1. Upper Ogunquit River (Ogunquit): north of a line starting from the 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. 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 pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit:
1. Lower Webhannet River (Wells): south of Mile Road.
- ~~C. B.~~ Effective immediately, because of seasonal pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, ~~or~~ mussels or whole or roe-on scallops 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.

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

12:30 PM
(Effective Time)

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Maine Department of Marine Resources



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

