Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

September 12, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 62, St. Croix River (Calais, Robbinston, Perry): This notice reclassifies the Conditionally Approved and Prohibited areas in Lewis Cove (Perry) to Approved due to elimination of a potential pollution point source and water quality meeting approved standards. 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. St. Croix River (Calais and Robbinston): north of a line beginning at the eastern most prominence of Hinton Point (Robbinston) running east to the international US and Canadian border; AND west of the international US and Canadian border.

2. Lewis Cove (Perry): west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the southern shore of Lewis Cove approximately 380 yards from the end of the Horse Landing Road then running northwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

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. Loring Cove (Perry): west of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Loring Cove, and running southeast to an unnamed point on the opposite shore, forming the southeast prominence of Loring Cove.

2. Mill Cove (Robbinston): northwest of a line beginning at the mouth of an unnamed stream located approximately 175 yards east of Route 1, then running northeast to the southern tip of Mill Point.

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. Lewis Cove (Perry): west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the northern shore of Lewis Cove approximately 175 yards southeast from the end of the Devereux Rd then running southwest to a red painted post located on the southern shore of Lewis Cove; AND east of a line beginning at a red painted post located approximately 380 yards from the
end of the Horse Landing Road then running northwest to a red painted post located on the opposite shore. This area is closed August 1**st** through November 30**th**.

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

9:00 AM

(Effective Time)