Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

April 21, 2016

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. 9, Sampson Cove to Fortunes Rocks (Kennebunkport and Biddeford). This notice expands the Sampson Cove Restricted area due to water quality no longer meeting Approved standards. 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 taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

1. Biddeford: west of a line beginning at the point of land to the east of Elizabeth Road (Biddeford), at the end of Fortunes Rocks; then running southwest to the east tip of Hoyt Neck (Biddeford); then running southwest to the easternmost tip of Timber Point (Biddeford); then running to the easternmost point on Timber Island (Biddeford); AND east of a line beginning at the westernmost point of land on Timber Point running south to the northernmost point of land on Timber Island (Biddeford)

2. Little River (Kennebunkport): west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore at the end of Sand Point Road, then running northeast across the opening of the southwestern channel to a red painted post attached to Central Maine Power telephone pole No. 25.

3. Stage Island (Kennebunkport): north and east of a line beginning approximately 20 yards from the end of Skipper Joes Point Road running southeast to the northernmost point of land on Stage Island, AND west of a line beginning at the northernmost point of land on Stage Island running northwest to the easternmost point of land off Skipper Joes Point Rd.

4. Batson River (Kennebunkport): northwest of a line beginning at the northernmost point of land on Tidal Shore Drive running north to the northern shore.

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 areas. These areas are classified Restricted and harvest requires a special MDMR permit:

1. Batson River (Kennebunkport): west of a line beginning at the easternmost point on the prominent point of land located between the mouths of Batson River and Smith Brook and running south to the southern shore of Batson River; AND east of a line beginning at the northernmost point of land on Tidal Shore Drive running due north to the opposite shore.
2. Sampson Cove (Kennebunkport): north and west of a line beginning at the end of Fisher’s Lane running east to a point of land beyond the end of Skipper Joes Point Rd, west of a line beginning approximately 20 yards from the end of Skipper Joes Point Road running southeast to the northern most point of land on Stage Island, AND north and west of a line beginning at the southwestern most tip of Stage Island running southwest to the northwestern tip of Trott Is; AND north and east of a line beginning at the northwestern tip of Trott Island running northwest to the northern tip of Bickford Island; AND east of a line formed by the Pier Rd causeway to Bickford Island.

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).

Sincerely,

Alison Sirois
Commissioner’s Designee – Shellfish Growing Area Program Supervisor

12:15 PM
(Effective Time)