Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

December 19, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following changes to the Conditional Area Closure Notice: this notice sets the reopening date for Area 20 (C.1-C.3) as effective 00:01 hours, December 27, 2019 due to river flow dropping below 30,000 cfs. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

Please refer to the specific Area notices for maps and a detailed description of the impacted conditional areas: [http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html).

Reopening dates will change if additional rain or flow events occur. Whenever a Conditional Area is impacted by rainfall AND a WWTP CSO or bypass event, the area remains closed until the WWTP closure is lifted. Always check this notice before harvesting in a rainfall, river flow and/or Waste Water Treatment Plant performance conditional area to determine the open/closed status. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

The descriptions of the areas are as follows (struck text is removed and underlined text is being added):

**Rainfall, Tide, Sewage Treatment Plant and River Discharge Conditional Areas**

**Rainfall Closures:**
The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, DECEMBER 23, 2019.**

- Area No. 26: areas (C.1 and C.2) on the Medomak River.
- Area No. 21-C: area (B.) Sheepscot River, Woolwich, Westport, Wiscasset.
- Area No. 21-E: area (C.) Hockomock Bay, Georgetown, Westport.

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, DECEMBER 28, 2019.**

- Area No. 11: areas (C. and D.) in the Nonesuch and Scarborough Rivers, Scarborough.
- Area No. 14: area (D.) in the Cousins River, Yarmouth.
- Area No. 15: area (B.) in the Harraseeket River, Freeport.
- Area No. 16: area (B.) in Maquoit Bay, Brunswick.
- Area No. 21-D: area (C.) in Cross River, Boothbay.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Closures:**
The following areas are closed due to a CSO or bypass event. These areas will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, JANUARY 4, 2020.**

- Area No. 55: Area D.1 and D.2 - Machias WWTP
- Area No. 15: Areas B, C, D.1-D.3 - Freeport WWTP

**River Flow Closures:**
The following areas are closed due to river flow exceeding 30,000 cfs. These areas will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, DECEMBER 27, 2019.
Area No. 20: Area C.1-C.3 – Kennebec River

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.mainegov/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

9:30 AM (Effective Time)