Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

September 1, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 changes to the Conditional Area Closure Notice: this notice sets the tidal closures for Area No. 27 due to greater than 11 feet tides during the months of October and November. 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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020.**

- Area No. 21-C: area (B.) Sheepscot River, Woolwich, Westport, Wiscasset.
- Area No. 21-E: area (C.) Hockomock Bay, Georgetown, Westport.
- Area No. 26: areas (C.1 and C.2) on the Medomak River.
- Area No. 27: area (C.) on the St George River

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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020.**

- Area No. 11: areas (B.1.-B.3.) 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.

**Astronomical High Tide Closures:**

The following area will close due to greater than 11 feet tides **EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, OCTOBER 16, 2020 AND WILL REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, OCTOBER 25, 2020.**

- Area No. 27: Area (C.) on the St. George River

The following area will close due to greater than 11 feet tides **EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 AND WILL REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, NOVEMBER 23, 2020.**

- Area No. 27: Area (C.) on the St. George 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.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

11:30 AM
(Effective Time)