Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

July 12, 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 resets the rainfall closure in Areas No. 14 and 21-D; and closes Areas No. 11, 15, 16, 21-C, 21-E, 26, and 27 due to one inch of rain in 24 hours. Areas 11, 14, 15, 16 and 21-D will reopen 00:01 hrs July 26th and Areas 21-C, 21-E, 26, and 27 will reopen 00:01 hrs July 21st. 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, JULY 26, 2019.**

- Area No. 11: areas (C.1., C.2., C.3. and C.4.) in the Nonesuch and Scarborough Rivers, Scarborough
- Area No. 14: areas (D.1. and F.1.) 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

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, JULY 21, 2019.**

- Area No. 21-C: area (B.1.) in the Sheepscot River, Woolwich/Wiscasset/Westport
- Area No. 21-E: area (C.) in the Sheepscot River, Woolwich/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, JULY 4, 2019.**

- 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, JULY 5, 2019.
Area No. 11: areas (C. and D.) in the Nonesuch and Scarborough Rivers, Scarborough
Area No. 15: area (B.) in the Harraseeket River, Freeport

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, JULY 9, 2019.
Area No. 16: area (B.) in Maquoit Bay, Brunswick.
Area No. 21-C: area (B.) in the Sheepscot River, Woolwich/Wiscasset/Westport.
Area No. 21-E: area (C.) in the Sheepscot River, Woolwich/Georgetown/Westport.
Area No. 26: areas (C.1 and C.2) on the Medomak 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, JULY 14, 2019.
Area No. 14: area (D.1. and F.1.) in the Cousins River, Yarmouth
Area No. 21-D: area (C.) in Cross River, Boothbay.

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,

[Signature]
Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

6:00 PM
(Effective Time)