Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes
April 28, 2022
This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following changes to the Conditional Area Closure Notice: this notification closes Conditional Area WV (CA1) and resets Area WN (CA1) due greater than one inch of rain in a 24-hour period. Areas WN (CA1) and WV (CA1) will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HRS, May 11, 2022. 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/index.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 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, April 28, 2022.
Growing Area WS: (CA2) on the Medomak River, Friendship.

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, May 11, 2022.
Growing Area WN: (CA1) on the Cross River, Boothbay.
Growing Area WV: (CA1) on Wheeler Bay, St. George.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Closures:

The following area is closed due to a CSO or bypass event. The area will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, May 10, 2022.
Growing Area El (CR1): - Bar Harbor WWTP
Growing Area ER (CA1): - Machias WWTP

The following area is closed due to a force main break. The area will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, May 11, 2022.
Growing Area WI: (CA1 and CR1) on the Cousins River, Yarmouth.
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/index.html. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,

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Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner’s Designee

8:00 AM
(Effective Time)