

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES 21 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0021

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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 27, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 resets Conditional Areas WG (CA2-CA4) due to greater than one inch of rain in a 24-hour period. Conditional Areas WG (CA2-CA4) will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HRS, September 14, 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, September 14, 2022.

Growing Area WG: (CA2-CA4) on the Nonesuch and Scarborough Rivers, Scarborough.

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 9, 2022.

Growing Area WG: (CA2-CA4) on the Nonesuch and Scarborough Rivers, Scarborough. Growing Area WI: (CR3) on the Presumpscot 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 5, 2022.

Growing Area WV: (CA1) on Wheeler Bay, St. George.

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).

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