

PATRICK C. KELIHER COMMISSIONER

Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes May 17, 2021 This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 Growing Area WS, Pemaquid Point (Bristol) to Martin Point (Friendship). This notice reclassifies northern Greenland Cove (Bremen) from Restricted to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards and changes the rainfall condition in the upper Medomak River from year-round to seasonal from May 1st to November 30th due to water quality meeting the approved standard based on this new conditional status. An interactive map that allows the user to zoom in to specific areas can be found on the ME DMR website: https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/maps/index.html. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

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

Prohibited: Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited areas:

- P1. Upper Medomak: north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 220 yards south of a prominent point south of Laila Ln. (Waldoboro) and running east to a red painted post on the eastern shore.
- P2. Within 500 feet from shore between the point of land at the end of Heath Road (Bremen) and a red painted post located on the shore of the eastern most point of land off Heath Road.
- P3. East of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Boot Neck (Friendship), then running southwest to the northern tip of Walsgrover Island; AND east of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Walsgrover Island running southwest to the northwest tip of Wharton Island; AND northeast of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Wharton Island running southeast to the shore south of the lobster pound at the end of the Forest Lake Road.
- P4. East of a line beginning at the southernmost tip of Pemaquid Neck, running northeast approximately 500 yards offshore to green can "11", then running northwest to a red painted post at the end of Bryant Way, Bremen.
- P5. South of a line beginning approximately 500 yards south of the southern tip of the large cove on the eastern side of Louds Island extending 500 feet offshore to the east; AND North of a line beginning approximately 900 yards south of the southern tip of the large cove on the eastern side of Louds Island extending 500 feet offshore to the east.

P6. South of a line beginning approximately 515 yards from the southern tip of Marsh Island on the western side of Marsh Island extending 166 yards to the west; AND North of a line beginning approximately 200 yards from the southern tip of Marsh Island on the western side of Marsh Island extending 166 yards to the west.

Restricted: Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area without a special MDMR permit:

- R1. Back Cove (Waldoboro): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 1000 yards from the mouth of Back River Cove then running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
- R2. Back River Cove (Waldoboro): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the eastern most point of land approximately 295 yards southwest of the Deaver Road boat launch running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
- R3. Greenland Cove (Bremen): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located approximately 200 yards southeast from the end of Marble Lane running southeast to the opposite shore.

Conditionally Approved (Rainfall): Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution due to rainfall, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) when rainfall meets or exceeds 1" within a 24 hour period <u>from May 1st to November 30th</u>. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: <u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html</u>

CA1. South of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 220 yards south of a prominent point south of Laila Ln. (Waldoboro) running east to a red painted post on the eastern shore; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the eastern most point of Meetinghouse Cove located approximately 95 yards northeast from the end of Geele Lane running northeast to a red painted post on the southwestern most point of land known as Hoffse Point.

<u>Conditionally Approved (Rainfall): Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution due to rainfall, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) when rainfall meets or exceeds 1" within a 24 hour period. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html</u>

CA2. East of a line beginning at the southwest prominence of Boot Neck (Friendship), then running northeast approximately 300 yards to the southeast point on the unnamed point of land in the town of Waldoboro.

Conditionally Approved (Seasonal): Effective immediately, because of seasonal pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:

- CA3. Sampson Cove (Waldoboro): east of a red painted post located at a prominent unnamed point on the north shore of the inner portion of Sampson Cove running southeast to a red painted post located on the point of land that forms the southern mouth of the unnamed brook on the eastern shore of Sampson Cove (closed May 1st through September 30th).
- CA4. Broad Cove (Bremen): west of a line beginning at the northeastern point of land at the end of Fish Ln. (Bremen) running northwest to a red painted post on the southeastern point of Gross Neck at the end of Broad Cove Road East (Waldoboro)(closed July 1st through November 30th).

Approved: All other shores, flats and waters not described in the above sections are Approved and it is lawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) when in the open status. For current status, please refer to the Biotoxin and Emergency Closure Notices on the DMR website: <u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html</u>

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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: <u>DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov</u>. 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:

https://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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12:45 PM (Effective Time)