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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 change to Area No. 100-A; this notice removes one exception area in Reid State Park and reduces the size of the Sheepscot River exception area as well as creating an all clam closure in the southern Sheepscot River due to samples showing an increased risk of contamination by naturally occurring marine biotoxins. Exceptions to this closure are defined in the legal notice text and are subject to strict sampling requirements that ensure the safety of harvested product. An interactive map that allows the user to zoom in to specific areas can be found on the ME DMR website: [Shellfish Closures and Aquaculture Leases Map | Department of Marine Resources \(maine.gov\)](https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-closures). All other 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):

A. Effective immediately, because of biotoxin, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any mussels, surf/hen clams (*Spisula solidissima* and *Mactromeris polynyma*), razor clams (*Ensis directus*), European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) or carnivorous snails from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

East of a line drawn south from the Maine/New Hampshire border to the limit of Maine territorial waters; AND west of a line drawn south from the southernmost tip of Pemaquid Point (Bristol) to the limit of Maine territorial waters.

EXCEPTION 100-A-01: mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested north of Route 103 (Eliot/Kittery).

EXCEPTION 100-A-07: surf clams (*Spisula solidissima* and *Mactromeris polynyma*) may be harvested north of a line beginning at Kennebec Pt. (Georgetown) running east to Indian Pt. (Georgetown).

~~EXCEPTION 100-A-08: mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested within the boundaries of Reid State Park (Georgetown).~~

EXCEPTION 100-A-09: mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested north of a line beginning at the end of Northern Road (Georgetown) running northeast to the end of Route 144 (Westport Island) then running northeast to the western tip of Sawyer Island (Boothbay) ~~Five Islands Road (Georgetown) running east to the Hendricks Head light (Southport)~~; AND east of Rt 127 bridge (Woolwich/Arrowsic).

EXCEPTION 100-A-10: mussels, razor clams (*Ensis directus*), European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested north of a line beginning at the northern tip of Farnham Point (East Boothbay), running southeast to Foster Point (Rutherford Island); AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Shipley Point (Rutherford Island) running northeast to Fish Point (Bristol).

EXCEPTION: surf clams (*Spisula solidissima* and *Mactromeris polynyma*) for bait may be harvested in Prohibited areas-only with an appropriate permit from the DMR Commissioner.

EXCEPTIONS: Aquaculture lease sites CAS BA2: mussels

B. Effective immediately, because of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP), it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess American oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

East of a line drawn south from the Maine/New Hampshire border to the limit of Maine territorial waters; AND south of a line beginning at Two Lights State Park (Cape Elizabeth) running east to the limit of Maine territorial waters.

EXCEPTION 100-A-01: American oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) may be harvested north of Route 103 (Eliot/Kittery).

EXCEPTIONS: Aquaculture lease sites SCAR NRx: American oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*)

C. Effective immediately, because of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP), it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clam species from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

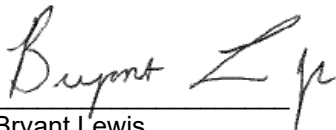
North of a line beginning at the southern tip of Ogunquit Beach (Ogunquit) running east to the limit of Maine territorial waters; AND south of a line beginning at Two Lights State Park (Cape Elizabeth) running east to the limit of Maine territorial waters.

EXCEPTION 100-A-11: soft shell clams (*Mya arenaria*) may be harvested north of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Pine Point Beach (Scarborough) running east to the western tip of Ferry Rock (Scarborough).

EXCEPTION 100-A-12: soft shell clams (*Mya arenaria*) may be harvested south and west of a line beginning at the end of Hills Beach Rd. (Biddeford Pool) running southeast to the end of L.B. Orcutt Blvd. (Biddeford Pool).

North of a line beginning at the southern tip of Southport running northwest to Dry Point (Georgetown); AND south of a line beginning at Northern Road (Georgetown) running northeast to the end of Route 144 (Westport Island) then running northeast to the western tip of Sawyer Island (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: [Maine Growing Area Closures: Shellfish Area Inventory with Legal Notices and Maps | Department of Marine Resources](#). This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).



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9:30 PM
(Effective Time)