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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

December 5, 2024

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 change to Area No. 1000, Scallops (Maine Coast): This notice closes Exception Area CAS C12 due to harvest activity no longer taking place. 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):

- A. Effective immediately, because of biotoxin, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any species of scallops, including but not limited to *Placopecten magellanicus* and *Argopecten irradians*, whole or intact, or scallop viscera, taken from Maine coastal waters and those offshore waters of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ/200 mile limit) between the Maine/New Hampshire border and the Canadian border. Only the adductor muscle and scallop shells may be retained and landed for personal use, wholesale, or retail trade.

EXCEPTION: Aquaculture lease site PEN-AI.

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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: 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 <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner's Designee

12:00PM
(Effective Time)