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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 9, 2022

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 1010-D: This notice closes HAM 311 (South Thomaston) to the harvest of shellfish due to relay from a Conditionally Approved area in the closed status. HAM 311 will reopen effective 00:01 hrs on August 23, 2022 based on results from a contaminant reduction study. 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):

Effective immediately, because of the relay of shellfish from an area classified as Conditionally Approved in the closed status, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any species of shellfish taken from Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) license HAM 311 (South Thomaston). HAM 311 will reopen effective 00:01 hrs on August 23, 2022 based on results from a contaminant reduction study.

Effective immediately, because of the relay of shellfish from an area classified as Conditionally Approved in the closed status, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any species of shellfish taken from Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) license HAM 518 (South Thomaston). HAM 518 will reopen effective 00:01 hrs on August 16, 2022 based on results from a contaminant reduction study.

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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/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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Commissioner's Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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