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**Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Change**

March 12, 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**This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced**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. 500, Emergency Closure: This notice reopens the Maine coast from West Quoddy Head to the U.S./Canadian border due to water quality returning to approved standards. The areas from the Maine/New Hampshire border to Scarborough and from Falmouth to Freeport remain closed. 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): because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels, whole or roe-on scallops from the shores, flats and waters;

East of the Maine/New Hampshire border; AND west of a line beginning at Pine Point (Scarborough) running south-southeast to Bluff Island then continuing southeast to the limit of Maine territorial waters.

North of a line beginning at Mackworth Point (Falmouth) running northeast to the southern tip of Clapboard Island; AND west of a line beginning at the northern tip of Clapboard Island running northeast to the southwestern tip of Cousins Island; AND north of a line beginning at Blaney Point (Yarmouth) running east to the southern tip of Little Moshier Island; AND west of a line beginning at the northern tip of Little Moshier Island running northwest to the end of Winslow Park Way (Freeport).

~~North of a line beginning at the eastern tip of West Quoddy Head running east to the U.S./Canadian border; AND west and south of the U.S./Canadian border.~~

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](mailto: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).

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8:45 AM  
(Effective Time)

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## Area 500

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