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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Change

April 29, 2025

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 portions of the area from Bristol to Stockton Springs, Brooksville to Mt Desert, Winter Harbor to Harrington, Addison to Machiasport and Cutler to the US/Canadian border due to water quality returning to approved standards. This notice also sets reopening dates for the remaining rainfall closures. Inner Penobscot Bay, Bagaduce River, Pleasant River Bay, Machias Bay and Lower Harpswell Cove 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 a line beginning at Pemaquid Point (Bristol) running south to the limit of Maine territorial waters; AND west of the Trenton/MDI bridge; AND west of a line beginning at the tip of Seawall Point (Mount Desert) running south to the limit of Maine territorial waters.~~

~~East of a line beginning at the tip of Schoodic Point (Winter Harbor) running south to the limit of Maine territorial waters; AND west and south of the Roosevelt International Bridge (Lubec).~~

Inner Penobscot Bay: North of a line beginning at the southern tip of Dice Head (Castine) running west to the northern tip of Turtle Head (Islesboro); AND east of a line beginning at the northern tip of Turtle Head running north to the southern tip of Defence Head (Stockton Springs) and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, May 1, 2025.**

Bagaduce River: East of a line beginning at the southern tip of Dice Head (Castine) running south to the northwest tip of Harborside (Brooksville) and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, April 30, 2025.**

Pleasant River Bay: East of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Willard Point (Harrington) running south to the limit of Maine territorial waters; AND west of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Cape Split (Addison) running south to the limit of Maine territorial waters and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, April 30, 2025.**

Machias Bay: East of a line beginning at the southern tip of Point of Maine (Machiasport) running south to the limit of Maine territorial waters; AND west of a line beginning at southeast tip of Thorton Point (Cutler) running south to the eastern tip of Cross Island (Cutler) then running south to the limit of Maine territorial waters and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, April 30, 2025.**

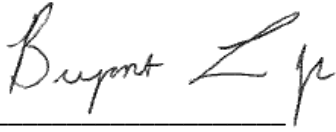
PFAS Closure: Lower Harpswell Cove (Brunswick): North of a line beginning at a red painted post on the southeastern point of Skolfield Cove running northeast to a red painted post at the northern end of an unnamed cove on the opposite shore.

<http://www.Maine.gov/dmr>

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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

4:45 PM
(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Area 500 February 4, 2025

