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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

December 11, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 changes to the Conditional Area Closure Notice: This notice closes rainfall Area WN (CA2) and resets Areas WG (CA2-CA4), WN (CA1) and WV (CA1-CA3) due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period. This notice also resets rainfall Areas ET (CA2) and WZ (CA1) due to greater than three-quarters inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

Please refer to the specific Area notices for maps and a detailed description of the impacted conditional areas: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>. Reopening dates will change if additional rain or flow events occur. Whenever a Conditional Area is impacted by rainfall AND a WWTP CSO or bypass event, the area remains closed until the WWTP closure is lifted. Always check this notice before harvesting in a rainfall, river flow and/or Waste Water Treatment Plant performance conditional area to determine the open/closed status. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

The descriptions of the areas are as follows (struck text is removed and underlined text is being added):

Rainfall Conditional Closures:

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four-hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 12, 2024.**

Growing Area EN (CA1) Indian River, Addison

~~Growing Area WG: (CA2-CA4) on the Nonesuch and Scarborough Rivers, Scarborough.~~

Growing Area WI: (CA1-CA2) on the Cousins River, Yarmouth

Growing Area WI: (CR3) on the Presumpscot River, Portland and Falmouth.

Growing Area WJ: (CA1 and CA8) on the Harraseeket River, Freeport and Maquoit Bay, Brunswick.

~~Growing Area WN: (CA1) on Cross River, Boothbay.~~

~~Growing Area WV: (CA1-CA3) on the Weskeag River, S. Thomaston and Wheeler Bay, St. George.~~

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four-hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 25, 2024.**

Growing Area WG: (CA2-CA4) on the Nonesuch and Scarborough Rivers, Scarborough.

Growing Area WN: (CA1) on Cross River, Boothbay.

Growing Area WV: (CA1-CA3) on the Weskeag River, S. Thomaston and Wheeler Bay, St. George.

The following areas are closed due to greater than three-quarters inch of rainfall in a twenty-four-hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 12, 2024.**

Growing Area EJ: (CA2) West Bay, Gouldsboro

~~Growing Area ET: (CA2) Globe Cove, Lubec~~

~~Growing Area WZ: (CA1) North Haven Salt Pond.~~

The following areas are closed due to greater than three-quarters inch of rainfall in a twenty-four-hour period and will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 25, 2024.

Growing Area ET: (CA2) Globe Cove, Lubec

Growing Area WZ: (CA1) North Haven Salt Pond.

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four-hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 7, 2024.**

~~Growing Area EM: (CA1) Pleasant River, Addison.~~

~~Growing Area WN: (CA2) on Montsweag and Hockomock Bays, Woolwich to Wiscasset.~~

~~Growing Area WS: (CA1-CA2) on the Medomak River.~~

~~Growing Area WU: (CA1-CA3) on the St George River.~~

Wastewater Treatment Plant Closures:

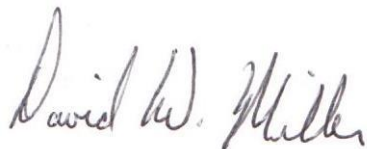
The following area is closed due to a CSO or bypass event. The area will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 7, 2024.**

~~Growing Area WI: (CR3) Falmouth WWTP and PWD Arcadia St CSO.~~

The following area is closed due to a SSO event. The area will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 10, 2024.**

~~Growing Area WJ: (CA1-CA5) Freeport WWTP.~~

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).



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Eastern Maine Growing Area
Commissioner's Designee

5:30 PM
(Effective Time)