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## Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

December 1, 2022

**This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced**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 resets rainfall Conditional Areas WN (CA1-CA2) and WV (CA1) and closes Conditional Areas WI (CR3) and WJ (CA1) due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period. WN (CA2) will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HRS December 9, 2022 and WJ (CA1), WN (CA1), and WV (CA1) will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HRS December 14, 2022. WI (CR3) was already closed due to a CSO event and will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HRS December 18, 2022. 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 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 6, 2022:**

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

~~Growing Area WU: (CA1- CA2) on the St George River.~~

~~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 9, 2022:**

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

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 11, 2022:**

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

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

~~Growing Area WV: (CA1) on 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 14, 2022:**

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

Growing Area WJ: (CA1) on the Harraseeket River, Freeport.

Growing Area WN: (CA1) on Cross River, Boothbay.  
Growing Area WV: (CA1) on Wheeler Bay, St. George.

**Astronomical High Tide Closures:**

The following areas will be closed due to astronomical high tides EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, November 24, 2022 and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 2, 2022.**

Growing Area WU: (CA1-CA2) on the St George River, Thomaston.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Closures:**

The following area is closed due to a CSO event and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 18, 2022.**

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

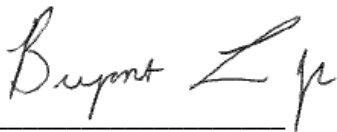
The following area is closed due to a CSO event and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 21, 2022.**

Growing Area ER (CA1) - Machias WWTP.

The following area is closed due to a high-flow event and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, December 21, 2022.**

Growing Area WI: (CA1) - Yarmouth 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](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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Commissioner's Designee

**4:00 PM**  
(Effective Time)