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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 changes to the Conditional Area Closure Notice: This notice sets the reopening date for Areas WM (CA2-CA4) due to river flow falling below the established thresholds and **will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, March 13, 2024**. This notice also opens Area ER (CA1) due to information received in the CSO Discharge Report. 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 area is closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four-hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, March 18, 2024**.

Growing Area WS: (CA2) on the Medomak River

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

The following area is closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four-hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, March 23, 2024**.

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

Growing Area WI: (CA1-CA2) on the Cousins River, Yarmouth Note: WI (CA1) is also closed due to a high-flow event at the Yarmouth WWTP.

Growing Area WI: (CR3) on the Presumpscot River, Portland and Falmouth. Note: WI (CR3) is also closed due to a CSO event.

Growing Area WJ: (CA1 and CA7) on the Harraseeket River, Freeport and Maquoit Bay, Brunswick.

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

Growing Area WV: (CA3) on Wheeler Bay, St. George

The following area is closed due to greater than three-quarters inch of rainfall in a twenty-four-hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, March 24, 2024**.

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

Wastewater Treatment Plant Closures:

The following area is closed due to CSO or bypass event and will ~~REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, March 27, 2024.~~

Growing Area ER: (CA1) – Machias WWTP.

The following area is closed due to a CSO or bypass event. The areas will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, March 30, 2024.**

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

The following areas are closed due to a high-flow event. The areas will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, March 31, 2024.**

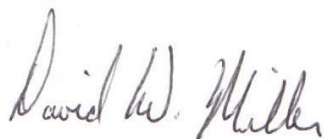
Growing Area WI: (CA1 and CR1-CR2) - Yarmouth WWTP.

River Flow Closures:

The following areas are closed due to river flow exceeding the established threshold (60,000 cfs) and will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, March 13, 2024. ~~A reopening date will be set when river flow decreases below the established threshold.~~

Growing Area WM: (CA2-CA4) Kennebec River, Heal Eddy, Sagadahoc Bay.

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

2:15 PM
(Effective Time)