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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

May 2, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 changes to Growing Area EJ, Schoodic Point to Dyer Point (Steuben). This notice changes the closure dates of the seasonal Conditionally Approved area in Birch Harbor due to water quality not meeting approved standards year-round. An interactive map that allows the user to zoom in to specific areas can be found on the ME DMR website: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/shellfish-closures-and-aquaculture-leases-map>. 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):

Prohibited: Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited areas:

- P1. Steuben Harbor: north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Baker Point then running east to the northern tip of Val Point.
- P2. Sand Cove (Gouldsboro) west of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Sampson Point running southwest to the opposite shore forming the south side of an unnamed cove.
- P3. Corea Harbor (Gouldsboro): South and west of a line beginning at the east tip of Youngs point then running southeast to the west tip of Sheep Island; AND north of a line beginning at the west tip of Sheep Island, running southwest to the southern tip of an unnamed point of land forming the western mouth of Corea Harbor.
- P4. Prospect Harbor (Gouldsboro): west of a line beginning at the most southeastern tip of Pettees Point, running north to the USCG navigational aid "Gong 3" (east of Clarks Ledge), then running northwest to an unnamed point on the west shore of Inner Harbor approximately 767 yards south of the mouth of Forbes Stream
- P5. Shark Cove (Gouldsboro): northeast of a line beginning at a red-painted post at the northwest mouth of Shark Cove, running southeast to a red-painted post on the southeast mouth of Shark Cove.

- P6. Birch Harbor (Gouldsboro): northwest of a line beginning at the eastern tip of an unnamed point on the southwest shore of Birch Harbor located approximately 600 yards south-southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge running northeast to another unnamed point on the north shore approximately 467 yards southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge.

Conditionally Approved (Seasonal): Effective immediately, because of seasonal pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:

- CA1. Birch Harbor: east of a line starting at the eastern tip of an unnamed point on the southwest shore of Birch Harbor located approximately 600 yards southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge at the head of the harbor, running northeast to another unnamed point on the north shore located approximately 467 yards southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge; AND west of a line beginning at the northern tip of the point at the end of Ocean Wood Way running north to a point on the north shore approximately 565 yards southeast of the Rt. 186 bridge (closed July 1st through December 31st ~~October 31st~~).

Conditionally Approved (Rainfall): Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution due to rainfall, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) when rainfall meets or exceeds 0.75" within a 24-hour period. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>.

- CA2. West Bay (Gouldsboro): northwest of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 200 yards southeast of the end of Justin Lane running northeast to the southwestern point of land at the end of Jonathans Landing Road.

Approved: All other shores, flats and waters not described in the above sections are Approved and it is lawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) when in the open status. For current status, please refer to the Biotoxin and Emergency Closure Notices on the DMR website:

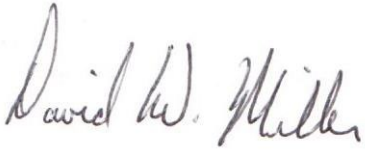
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- A. Growing Area EJ.

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/shellfish-closures-and-aquaculture-leases-map>

This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207- 624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).



David W. Miller
Eastern Maine Growing Area,
Commissioner's Designee

3:00 PM
(*Effective Time*)