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COMMISSIONER

Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes July 3, 2024

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following changes to Growing Area EU, Shackford Head (Eastport) to Calais. This notice reclassifies Lewis Cove (Perry) from Approved to seasonally Conditionally Approved 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. St. Croix River (Calais and Robbinston): north of a line beginning at the eastern most prominence of Hinton Point (Robbinston) running east to the international US and Canadian border; AND west of the international US and Canadian border.
- P2. Sipayik, Pleasant Point (Perry): inside a line beginning at the east tip of Frost Point; then extending east to the south tip of Clam Cove Head, Deer Isle, New Brunswick, Canada; then runs southwest to the south end of the Maine Central Railroad right of way causeway rock sea wall, Pleasant Point; This closure extends east to the US-Canadian international border.
- P3. Kendall Head (Eastport): inside a line beginning at a red-painted post on the east end of the Carlow Island-Quoddy Village causeway; then extending northeast toward the south tip of Clam Cove Head, Deer Isle, New Brunswick, Canada; then runs south to a red-painted post located at the east tip of Kendall Head; This closure extends northeast to the US-Canadian international border.
- P4. Eastport: inside (shoreward) of a line beginning at the easternmost point of land on Harris Point then running east to the south tip of Dog Island; then running southeast to Nav. Aid G "3" on Clark Ledge and then running southeast to the east tip of Todd Head; then southeast to the US/Canadian international border and then following the international boundary south to a point due east from the south tip of Estes Head: than running due west to the southwest tip of Estes Head.

P5. North of a line beginning at a red painted post located on an unnamed point approximately 450 yards southeast of the intersection of Deep Cove Road and Shackford Head State Park Road running west to a red painted post located on an unnamed point approximately 400 yards south of the intersection of Deep Cove Road and Shackford Head State Park Road.

Restricted: 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 (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area without a special MDMR permit:

- R1. Mill Cove (Robbinston): northwest of a line beginning at the mouth of an unnamed stream located approximately 175 yards east of Route 1, then running northeast to the southern tip of Mill Point.
- R2. Loring Cove (Perry): west of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Loring Cove, and running southeast to an unnamed point on the opposite shore, forming the southeast prominence of Loring Cove.
- R3. Little River (Perry): west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the north shore of the Little River approximately 300 yards from the Route 1 bridge; then running south to the opposite shore of the Little River.

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. Lewis Cove (Perry): west of a line beginning on the northern shore of Lewis Cove approximately 175 yards southeast from the end of Devereux Road running southeast to the opposite southern shore of Lewis Cove (closed June 1st through October 31st).

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, guahogs, 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: https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures.

A. Growing Area EU.

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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Sincerely,

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11:15 AM (Effective Time)

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