

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES 21 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0021

> PATRICK C. KELIHER COMMISSIONER

Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

March 1, 2021 This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 Pollution Area 4, East Point (York) to Bald Head Cliff (York). This notice renames Pollution Area 4 to Growing Area WC. This notice also extends the Prohibited area to the three-mile line. An interactive map that allows the user to zoom in to specific areas can be found on the ME DMR website: <u>https://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/maps/index.html</u>. 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. East Point to Bald Head Cliff (York): North of a line beginning at the east tip of East Point (York) extending southeast along the Growing Area boundary to the three-mile line; AND south of a line beginning at Bald Head Cliff extending southeast along the Growing Area boundary to the three-mile line; AND inside of a line following the three-mile boundary around Boon Island Light.

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: <u>DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov</u>. 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:

http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfishsanitation-management/closures/pollution.html. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207- 624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,

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Bryant Lewis Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor Commissioner's Designee

9:00 AM (Effective Time)