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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

September 4, 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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 Growing Area WK Potts Point (Harpowell) to East Cundy Point (Cundys Harbor). This notice reclassifies an area in Quahog Bay from Approved to Conditionally Approved due to water quality meeting no longer meeting the approved standard year-round; and reclassifies southern Card Cove from Prohibited to Approved, an area in Harpswell Sound from Prohibited to Approved, and Spruce and Morgan Coves from Restricted to Approved due to water quality meeting the approved standard in these areas. 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. Upper Harpswell Cove (Brunswick): north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the end of Osprey Lane, then running southeast to a red painted post at the end of the Brunswick Naval Air Station fence.
- P2. Western Quahog Bay (Harpowell): south of a line beginning at the south tip of Tondreau Point running northwest to a red painted post on the west shore of Orrs Cove, AND west of a line beginning at the northern tip of Center Island AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Center Island and running southwest to a red painted post at the end of Bernier Lane.
- P3. Lumbos Hole, Orrs Island (Harpowell): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post at the northeastern most point of land at the mouth of Long Cove, Harpswell running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND southeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the northeastern most point of land at the mouth of Long Cove running northeast to the southern tip of Dogs Head Island continuing to the northern tip of land at the end of Reach Rd, Harpswell; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the southern tip of land at the end of Totman Point Rd running west to the opposite shore.
- P4. ~~Southern Card Cove, (Harpowell): south of a line beginning at the shore at the end of Quahog Ln. running west to the southern tip of an unnamed island then continuing northwest to a red painted post on the southern tip of an unnamed point.~~

- P5. Harpswell Sound (Harpswell): west of a line beginning at the northeast point of Clark Cove, then running southwest to navigational buoy C"15" at Merriman Ledges; AND north of a line running from navigational buoy C"15" at Merriman Ledges northwest to a red painted post on the shore at the end of Thompson Road.
- P4. Bailey Island, Orrs Island (Harpswell): south of a line beginning on the west shore of Gun Point Cove at Rick Eliot's dock, just south of a small unnamed cove, running southeast to a red painted post located approximately 90 yards west from the end of Sanctuary Road; AND west of a line running southwest around Orrs and the southern tip of Bailey Island within 150 yards from shore to a red painted post on the shore, approximately 162 yards west of the intersection of Rt 24 and Johnson Pt Road.
- P5. Sandy Cove (Harpswell): north of a line beginning at the south tip of Fort Point, then running west across Sandy Cove to the opposite shore.
- P6. Harpswell Harbor (Harpswell): south of a line beginning at the west tip of Stover Point, running west to the opposite shore at the end of William Drive.
- P7. Potts Point, Harpswell Neck (Harpswell): west of a line beginning at the end of Graveyard Point Rd running southwest to the southern tip of Potts Point.

~~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. Spruce and Morgan Coves (Harpswell): west of a line beginning at the easternmost tip of the prominent unnamed point of land forming the southeastern boundary of Morgan Cove running northeast to the southern tip of the unnamed prominent point forming the northeastern boundary in Spruce Cove (Harpswell).~~

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. Lower Harpswell Cove (Brunswick): south of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the end of Osprey Lane, then running southeast to a red painted post at the end of the Brunswick Naval Air Station fence; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the southeastern point of Skolfield Cove running northeast to a red painted post at the northern end of an unnamed cove on the opposite shore (Closed July 1st through September 30th).
- CA2. Orrs Cove (Harpswell): north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Tondreau Point, then running northwest to a red painted post on the west shore of Orrs Cove (Closed May 1st through November 30th).
- CA3. Quahog Bay (Harpswell): north of a line beginning at a red painted post at the southern tip of Natrimac Point, then running southeast to red painted post on a small unnamed point between Natrimac Point and Bethel Point, then running south-southeast to a red painted

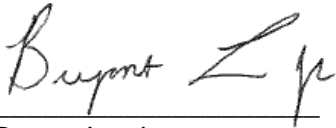
post on the southwestern tip of Bethel Point, then running southeast to a red painted post on the southeastern tip of Bethel Point (Closed July 1st through September 30th).

- CA4. Hen Cove, Ridley Cove (Harpwell): north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Bethel Point running southeast to a red painted post located at the most northern tip of land east of Big Hen Island (Closed June 1st through November 30th).

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 <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>.

A. Growing Area WK.

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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Commissioner's Designee

11:00 AM
(Effective Time)