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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 WN, Indian Point (Georgetown) to Cape Newagen (Southport). This notice reclassifies Poly Clark Cove from Conditionally Approved to Approved due to water quality meeting the approved standard 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. Dyer River (Newcastle): east and north of the South Dyer Neck Road.
- P2. Sheepscot River, Back River (Edgecomb, Wiscasset, Westport Island): south of a line running from the western tip of a prominent point of land on the Edgecomb shore near Englebrekt Rd running west to a red painted post on the mainland (Wiscasset); AND south of US Route 1 bridge; AND east of a line running southeast from the southern tip of Birch Point (Wiscasset) to the northern tip of Cushman Point (Wiscasset); AND north of a line beginning at the old ferry landing at the end of Ferry Rd. (Westport Island), then running in a northerly direction to the south tip of Berry Island (Wiscasset), then due west to a red painted post on the mainland (Wiscasset); AND east of a line beginning at the northernmost point of land at the end of Greenleaf Road running northwest to the southernmost tip of Fowle Point (Westport); AND west of a line from a red painted post on the shore of an unnamed point of land in Edgecomb running southwest to the northernmost tip of Barters Island.
- P3. Sheepscot River (Westport Island and Boothbay): south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the point of land approximately 300 yards south of the mouth of McCarty Cove (Westport Island), then running east to the shore at the end of Greenleaf Road (Barters Island, Boothbay); AND west of a line beginning at the end of Old Wharf Ln. (Barters Island, Boothbay) running southeast to the north tip of Sawyer Island (Boothbay); AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Brook Point (Westport Island), then running northeast to the northern most point of Isle of Springs (Boothbay) then northeast to the southwestern tip of Sawyer Island.
- P4. Sasanoa and Back River (Woolwich, Arrowsic): South and east of a line running across the Sasanoa River at the green #23 day marker at Upper Hell Gate; AND west of a line

beginning at the south tip of Hockomock Point (Woolwich), then running southeast to the northern tip of Flying Point (Georgetown); AND north of a line formed by the Five Islands Road bridge from Arrowsic to Georgetown.

- P5. Webber and Bareneck Islands (Georgetown): South of a line beginning at the northern tip of Webber Island (Georgetown) running east to the northern tip of a small, unnamed island on the northwest side of Bareneck Island (Georgetown); AND west of a line beginning at the southern tip of a small, unnamed island on the northwest side of Bareneck Island (Georgetown) running south to the most western point of Bareneck Island (Georgetown); AND north of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Webber Island (Georgetown) running northeast to the south western tip of Bareneck Island (Georgetown).
- P6. Tarbox Cove (Westport): northeast of a line beginning at the south tip of Willis Point, then running southeast to the south tip of Pea Point.
- P7. Halls Bay (Georgetown): South of a line beginning at an unnamed cove on the western side of North Point at the end of Webber Road (Georgetown) running west to the southwestern tip of Webber Island (Georgetown); AND east of a line beginning at the southwestern tip of Webber Island (Georgetown) running south to the small point of land at the northern end of Jamieson Way (Georgetown).
- P8. Hodgdon Island (Boothbay): east of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Barbers Island (Boothbay) at the end of Goddard Point Rd., running southeast to a red painted post on the west shore of Hodgdon Island, then southwest to the tip of Sawyer Island at the end of Mary Anne Rd.; AND west of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Barbers Island (Boothbay) at the end of Crow Point Ln., running south to the north tip of Hodgdon Island; AND west of a line running from the southeast tip of Hodgdon Island to the northeast tip of Sawyer Island.
- P9. Knubble Bay: east of a line beginning at the point of land at the southwestern corner of Beal Cove on Beal Island running south to the opposite shore; AND west of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Beal Island then running in a southwest direction to a red painted post located on the northern tip of a prominent point of land due east of Seidmen Ledges Road.
- P10. Indiantown Island; south of a line beginning at a red painted post on the southeastern shore of Sawyer Island (Boothbay), running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the northeastern shore of Indiantown Island (Boothbay Harbor), running east to the opposite shore; AND east of a line beginning at the north tip of Indiantown Island running north to the shore on Sawyer Island.
- P11. Bailey Cove (Westport): east of a line beginning at the south tip of Bailey Point, running southeast to the south tip of Round Cove Point.
- P12. Riggs Cove (Georgetown): South of a line beginning at a red painted post located on a prominent point of land north of Robinhood Marina and running southeast to the northern tip of Lowe Point; AND north of a line beginning at the northern tip of Lowe Point then running due west to a red painted post located on the opposite shore.
- P13. Ebenecook Harbor (Southport): south of a line beginning at the north end of Big Green island extending to the north end of Raspberry Island; AND north of a line beginning at the dock on the east side of Big Green Island extending to the south end of Raspberry Island.

- P14. Lower Sheepscot River (Southport and Boothbay Harbor): west of a line beginning at the north end of Landing Road (Southport), then extending north to the south tip of Oak Point (Boothbay Harbor); AND southeast of a line beginning at the point of land at the end of Eaton Road (Boothbay Harbor) running southwesterly to the red nun "#6" buoy; AND southwest of a line running from the red nun "#6" buoy to the green flashing light "7" at the north of Cameron Point (Southport), then running northwest to the northeast tip of Boston Island; AND east of a line beginning at the southern tip of Boston Island running south to the northern tip of an unnamed island separating Pierce Cove and Love Cove; AND south of a line running from an unnamed island separating Pierce Cove and Love Cove to the southern tip of Big Green Island then continuing northwest to the southwest tip of Little Green Island; AND inside and east of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Little Green Island, then running in a southerly direction to the red nun "#8" buoy, then continuing in a southerly direction to the northernmost end of the Cat ledges, then running southeast to the south tip of Cape Island, then running in an easterly direction to the southeast tip of Cape Island, then northeast to the eastern tip of "The Ark," and continuing north to the southeast tip of Cape Newagen; AND west of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the end of Joppa Rd (Southport); then running northeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore at the end of Winslow Road (Southport).
- P15. Sheepscot River (Georgetown): south of a line beginning at the northern tip of Soldier Point and running due east to a point of land on the opposite shore of MacMahan Island; AND west of a line beginning at the southern tip of MacMahan Island and running due south to Turnip Island; AND west of a line beginning at the southern tip of Turnip Island and running southeast to Red Nun #8 and continuing southwest to the north tip of Outer Head; AND east of a line beginning at the north tip of Outer Head running northwest to a red painted post on an unnamed point of land AND south of a line beginning at the south tip of Dry Point, then running due west across the mouth of Harmon Harbor to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
- P16. Upper Harmon Harbor (Georgetown): north of a line extending from the fishing pier located on the east side of the harbor, and extending southwest to a red painted post located at a clearing on the shore of the west side of the harbor.
- P17. Southeast lobe of Robinhood Cove (Georgetown): south of a line beginning at the west end of the Route 127 bridge and running northeast to a red painted post on the eastern shore of Robinhood Cove AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the east shore, approximately 400 yards south of the bridge, running west across the cove to the opposite shore.
- P18. Southwest lobe of Robinhood Cove (Georgetown): south of the Route 127 bridge AND north of a line beginning at the east end of the bridge, running southwest to the old stone dam, located approximately 50 yards south of the west end of the bridge.
- P19. Lower Sheepscot River (Georgetown): east of a line beginning at the southern tip of Indian Point, then running south to the southwest tip of Salter island, then continuing in a southeasterly direction to the north tip of Whaleboat Rock; AND west of a line beginning at the north tip of Whaleboat Rock, then running northeast to the southeast tip of Salter Island, then continuing in a northeasterly direction to the tip of the prominent point of land at the east side of the mouth of the Little River, then running due west to a red painted post on the mainland.

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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. Upper Sheepscot River (Newcastle): north of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Chases Point (Newcastle) running northwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore approximately 480 yards east of the end of S. Old Sheepscot Road; AND west of the South Dyer Neck Road.
- R2. Deer Meadow Brook (Newcastle): north and east of a line beginning at a red painted post on the northern shore at the confluence of Deer Meadow Brook and Marsh River running southeast to the opposite shore.
- R3. Sherman Creek (Edgecomb, Boothbay): east of a line beginning on the north bank of Sherman Creek at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 300 yards east of the creek mouth, running due south to the opposite shore.
- R4. Merrow Island (Boothbay): southeast of a line beginning at the northeastern tip of Merrow Island (Boothbay) running northeast to a red painted post on the mainland shore; AND northeast of a line beginning at the southwestern tip of Merrow Island, Boothbay running southeast to the West Barter Island Road causeway.
- R5. Back River (Boothbay): east of a line beginning at the end of Old Wharf Ln. running southeast to the north tip of Sawyer Island; AND west of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Barters Island at the end of Goddard Point Rd., running southeast to a red painted post on the west shore of Hodgdon Island, then southwest to the tip of Sawyer Island at the end of Mary Anne Rd.
- R6. Northside of Beal Island (Georgetown): South of a line beginning at an unknown point of land 250 yards south of Back Door Rd. (Westport Island) running southwest to the northeastern point of Beal Island (Georgetown); AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Willis Point (Westport Island) running in a southerly direction to a red painted post located on Beal Island (Georgetown).
- R7. Westside of Beal Island (Georgetown): South of a line beginning at a red painted post on the northwestern tip of Beal Island (Georgetown) running southwest to the southern tip of a small unnamed island in between Beal Island and the north eastern tip of Georgetown, then running north west to the northern tip of the eastern of two northern points of land at the end of Webber Road (Georgetown); AND west of a line beginning at the point of land at the southwestern corner of Beal Cove on Beal Island running south to the opposite shore;
- R8. Love Cove (Southport): southeast of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore at the end of Joppa Rd (Southport); then running northeast to a red painted post located on the opposite shore at the end of Winslow Road (Southport).

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 1" 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>

- CA1. Cross River (Boothbay): east of a line beginning at a point of land at the end of Back River Rd (Boothbay) running due north to the opposite shore AND west of a line beginning on the north bank of Sherman Creek at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 300 yards east of the creek mouth, running due south to the opposite shore.
- CA2. Montsweag, Brookings Bay, Hockomock Bay (Woolwich, Westport, Georgetown): south of a line beginning at a red painted post at the end of Andrews Dr. (Westport Island) running southwest to a red painted post at the southern tip of Chewonki Neck (Wiscasset); AND south of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore approximately 190 yards north of the end of Salt Marsh Pl. (Woolwich) then running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND east of a line beginning at the south tip of Hockomock Point (Woolwich), then running southeast to the northern tip of Flying Point (Georgetown); AND west of a line beginning at the southwestern tip of Webber Island (Georgetown) running south to the small point of land at the northern end of Jamieson Way (Georgetown); AND north of a line beginning at an unnamed cove on the northwestern side of the western of two northern points of land at the end of Webber Road (Georgetown) running west to the southwestern tip of Webber Island (Georgetown); AND north of a line beginning at the northern tip of Webber Island (Georgetown) running east to the northern tip of a small, unnamed island on the northwest side of Bareneck Island (Georgetown); AND east of a line beginning at the southern tip of a small, unnamed island on the northwest side of Bareneck Island (Georgetown) running south to the north western tip of Bareneck Island (Georgetown); AND south of a line beginning at the southeastern tip of Webber Island (Georgetown) running northeast to the south western tip of Bareneck Island (Georgetown); AND north of a line beginning at an unknown point at the end of Willis Point Rd. (Westport Island) running southwest to the northeastern point of Beal Island (Georgetown); AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the northwestern tip of Beal Island (Georgetown) running southwest to the southern tip of a small unnamed island in between Beal Island and the north eastern tip of Georgetown, then running north west to the northern tip of the eastern of two northern points of land at the end of Webber Road (Georgetown).

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:

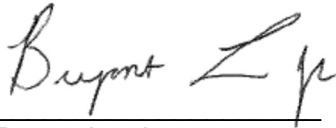
- ~~CA3. Poly Clark Cove (Wiscasset): north of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 600 yards northeast of the Wiscasset wastewater treatment plant, then running northeast to the tip of Clark Point on the opposite shore by the railroad trestle (Closed June 1st through August 31st).~~
- CA3. Cod Cove (Edgecomb): south of a line formed by US Route 1 between the western shore of Edgecomb and the eastern shore of Davis Island (Closed June 1st through August 31st).
- CA4. Robinhood Cove (Georgetown): West of a line beginning at the eastern tip of "The Knubble" and running southeast to the northern tip of Lowe Point; AND north of a line beginning at the northern tip of Lowe Point and running northwest to a red painted post located on a prominent point of land north of Robinhood Marina; AND south of a line beginning at the northern tip of Lowe Point and running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the southern tip of a prominent point of land approximately 400 yards due south of the end of Stone Bridge Lane and

running due east to a red painted post on the opposite shore (Closed May 1st through November 15th).

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 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 WN.

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).



Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
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3:00 PM
(Effective Time)