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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

July 7, 2023

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 35, Defence Point (Stockton Springs) to Dice Head (Castine). This notice renames Pollution Area 35 to Growing Area WX. 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/shellfish-sanitation-management/maps/index.html>. 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. Fort Point (Stockton Springs): East of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Fort Point then running north to the southeast tip of Sandy Point; AND north of a line starting at the eastern tip of Fort Point running east to a red painted post located approximately 352 yards southwest of the junction of Routes 166 and 175 (West Penobscot).
- P2. Wadsworth Cove to Dice Head (Castine): East of a line beginning at Blockhouse Point and then running south to the southern tip of Dice Head.

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. Wadsworth Cove (Castine): North of the bridge crossing Bog Brook located on Mill Lane.

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/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html>

- A. Growing Area WX.

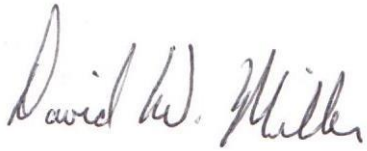
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If you have questions, please contact Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9500 Email: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov. During weekends/holidays, contact on duty Marine Patrol Officers 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/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/index.html>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207- 624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,



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

11:00 AM
(Effective Time)