

Pollution Abatement Closure Application

Title 12 MSR §6856 3-D. allows the Commissioner to close a shellfish growing area for municipal abatement activities if a town has a municipal shellfish program and the pollution abatement activities are likely to be successful. If a town has an interest in extending the length of the closure past one year, a new application must be submitted to renew the closure including abatement efforts undertaken during the year. Applications to the Department for pollution abatement closures of Restricted or Conditionally Restricted areas need to provide a letter to the Bureau of Public Health and Aquaculture (dmrpublichealthdiv@maine.gov) with the following:

- *Specifically defined area(s) the town is interested in closing to depuration harvest. Include Growing Area and section reference if applicable (e.g. Area No. WE R1). Growing Areas can be found here: [Maine Growing Area Closures: Shellfish Area Inventory with Legal Notices and Maps | Department of Marine Resources](#).*
- *Explicit rationale for the abatement closure request based on pollution source and remediation plans.*
- *This completed form with required information outlined in Title 12 MSR §6856 3-D for a pollution abatement closure:*

TOWN FUNDING AND RESOURCES: *Please describe the town funding and resources that will be used to investigate and confirm the fecal coliform pollution sources to begin this process and who will provide ongoing coordination for the duration of the abatement plan process. Recommended town officials include shellfish wardens, local plumbing inspectors, codes enforcement officer, town managers or other town designated personnel. **Site visits completed prior to the submission of this application should be described on pages 2 and 3.** If site funding and resources are secured but site visits have not occurred prior to the submission of the application, suspected pollution sources should be listed in this section.*

Date _____

Abatement Closure Contact _____

Phone _____

Contact Email _____

Questions? Please contact: Bureau of Public Health and Aquaculture, Nearshore Marine Resources Program
dmrpublichealthdiv@maine.gov

IDENTIFICATION OF POLLUTION SOURCES: *Please describe the following source(s) of fecal contamination in support of this Pollution Abatement request. This form is required for each Restricted or Conditionally Restricted area. The information must be confirmed on a site visit by designated town personnel.*

AGRICULTURE/ / WILDLIFE /DOMESTIC ANIMAL

RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC SYSTEM

RECREATIONAL USE OR OTHER

AGRICULTURE/ / WILDLIFE/ DOMESTIC ANIMAL

*Water source is defined as any stream, pond, or cove capable of delivering pollutants to the intertidal flats.

- Number and Type of animals_____
- Is there fencing between a water source and animals? Y or N approximate distance_____
- Is there a buffer (trees/plants/shrubs) between any water source and animals? Y or N
- Are there manure piles <50' / 50-100' / >100' from a water source? _____
- Will slope play a possible role in transport of manure to the water if it rains? Y or N
- Are streams adjacent to the impacted area and capable of delivery of pollution into the cove/area during rain events? Y or N
- Date of Site Visit _____and/or description of Issue:

RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC SYSTEM

- Distance to shore or stream _____
- Is there a buffer (trees/plants/shrubs) between malfunction and water source? Y or N
- Will slope play a possible role in transport of discharge to the water if it rains? Y or N
- Are streams adjacent to the impacted area and capable of delivery of pollution into the cove/area during rain events?
- Date of Site Visit _____ and/or description of Issue:

RECREATIONAL USE OR OTHER : Please describe the recreational area and use that is contributing to pollutants in the cove/area of interest.