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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

June 5, 2023

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following change to Area No. 164-B: This notice reestablishes the historic Quahog Exception Area boundaries to include the area from Pond Point (Beals) to Cape Split (Addison) due to renewed harvest interest in the western portion of the fishing grounds. 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):

Effective immediately, because of the increased risk of contamination from naturally occurring marine biotoxin (ASP), it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any mahogany/ocean quahogs (*Arctica islandica*) from Maine coastal waters and those offshore waters of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ/200 mile limit) east of a line beginning at Schoodic Point (Winter Harbor) true south to the limits of US jurisdiction; AND west of the US/Canadian border.

EXCEPTION : Ocean quahogs may be harvested east of ~~Jonesport/Beals bridge~~; ~~AND east of~~ a line beginning at the southwest tip of ~~Pond Point (Beals)~~ Cape Split (Addison) running south to the west tip of Big Nash Island (Addison) then running true south to the limits of US jurisdiction; AND west of a line beginning beginning at the east tip of Great Head (Cutler) then running true south to the limits of US jurisdiction.

Mahogany/ocean quahogs may not be harvested from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

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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Area 164-B: Schoodic Point to the Canadian Border

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