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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

August 8, 2023

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 WS, Pemaquid Point (Bristol) to Martin Point (Friendship). This notice reclassifies Back River from Restricted to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards and reclassifies an area in Hockomock Channel to Conditionally Approved based on the presence of a marina. 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 Medomak: north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 220 yards south of a prominent point south of Laila Ln. (Waldoboro) and running east to a red painted post on the eastern shore.
- P2. Within 500 feet from shore between the point of land at the end of Heath Road (Bremen) and a red painted post located on the shore of the eastern most point of land off Heath Road.
- P3. South of a line beginning at the northern tip of Walsgrover Island (Friendship) running northeast approximately 260 yards to the southern tip of the northernmost of two unnamed islands directly north of Timber Point Rd then running southeast to a red painted post on the mainland shore; AND north of a line beginning at the easternmost point of the unnamed island south of Walsgrover Island running northeast to the southern tip of an unnamed island at the end of Timber Point Rd; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the northeastern side of the unnamed island at the end of Timber Point Rd running northeast along the tidal causeway road to the end of Timber Point Rd; AND east of a line beginning at the easternmost point of Walsgrover Island running southeast to the easternmost point of the unnamed island south of Walsgrover Island.
- P4. East of a line beginning at the southernmost tip of Pemaquid Neck, running northeast approximately 500 yards offshore to green can "11", then running northwest to a red painted post at the end of Bryant Way, Bremen.
- P5. South of a line beginning approximately 500 yards south of the southern tip of the large cove on the eastern side of Louds Island extending 500 feet offshore to the east; AND North of a

line beginning approximately 900 yards south of the southern tip of the large cove on the eastern side of Louds Island extending 500 feet offshore to the east.

- P6. South of a line beginning approximately 515 yards from the southern tip of Marsh Island on the western side of Marsh Island extending 166 yards to the west; AND North of a line beginning approximately 200 yards from the southern tip of Marsh Island on the western side of Marsh Island extending 166 yards to the west.

~~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. Back Cove (Waldoboro): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 1000 yards from the mouth of Back River Cove then running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.~~

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 from May 1st to November 30th. 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. South of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 220 yards south of a prominent point south of Laila Ln. (Waldoboro) running east to a red painted post on the eastern shore; AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the eastern most point of Meetinghouse Cove located approximately 95 yards northeast from the end of Geele Lane running northeast to a red painted post on the southwestern most point of land known as Hoffse Point.

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>

- CA2. East of a line beginning at the southwest prominence of Boot Neck (Friendship), then running northeast approximately 300 yards to the southeast point on the unnamed point of land in the town of Waldoboro.

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:

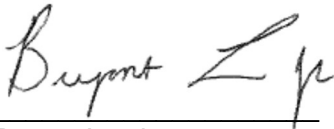
- CA3. Sampson Cove (Waldoboro): east of a red painted post located at a prominent unnamed point on the north shore of the inner portion of Sampson Cove running southeast to a red painted post located on the point of land that forms the southern mouth of the unnamed brook on the eastern shore of Sampson Cove (closed May 1st through September 30th).

CA4. South of a line beginning at the end of Town Landing Road (Bremen) running west-southwest to the end of Osier Road; AND west of a line beginning at the end of Town Landing Road running southwest to the northern tip of Oar Island; AND north of a line beginning at the end of Oar Island running west to the opposite shore (closed May 1st through October 31st).

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 WS.

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
Commissioner's Designee

1:00 PM _____
(Effective Time)