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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

June 29, 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 21-D, Sheepscot River (Westport Island, Edgecomb, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor): This notice reclassifies the lower portion of the Sheepscot River from prohibited to approved due to water quality meeting approved standards. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

- A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:
1. Barthers Island: east of a line beginning at the northernmost point of land at the end of Greenleaf Road and running northwest to the southernmost tip of Fowle Point (Westport); AND south and west of a line beginning at Fowle Point, running southeast to a red painted post on the shore of the northernmost tip of an unnamed point of land approximately 100 yards north of Rocky Point on the northwest shore of Barthers Island (Boothbay).
 2. Cross River (Edgecomb, Boothbay): north of a line beginning at Cross Point (Edgecomb) running southeast to a red painted post at the end of Stone Point Lane, Barthers Island(Boothbay); 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 Barthers Island.
 3. Eastern Lobe of Parsons Creek (Edgecomb): north of a line beginning at a prominent point of land that separates the east and west lobes of Parsons Creek, then running due east to the opposite shore.
 4. 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 (Barthers Island, Boothbay); AND west of a line beginning at the end of Crows Point Lane (Barthers Island), extending south to the northernmost tip of Hodgdon Island; 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); AND north of a line beginning at the north eastern most tip of Isle of Springs running southeast to a red painted post on the western shore of Indiantown Island (Boothbay)-AND north of a line beginning at the point of land at the northeast tip of Brook Point Blake Cove southern tip of Brook Point (Westport Island), then running southeast to the northeast tip of MacMahan Island, then running east to the red nun #12 buoy, then running northeast to the

~~north tip of Spectacle Island (Boothbay Harbor), then continuing northeast to a red painted post on the northwest corner of Indiantown Island (Boothbay Harbor); AND north of a line beginning at the Indiantown landing dock south of MacIntyre bridge (Boothbay), then running west to a red painted post located on Indiantown Island (Boothbay Harbor); AND south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the eastern shore of Sawyer Island, approximately 333 yards north of the culvert between Sawyers Island Road and Gaecklein Road (mainland) and running due east to a red painted post located on the mainland; AND; west of a line running from the southeastern most point of Hodgdon Island to the northeastern most tip of Sawyer Island.~~

- B. Effective immediately, because of pollution the following areas are classified as Restricted and harvest requires a special MDMR permit. It shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of:
1. 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.
 2. Wildcat Creek (Boothbay): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of a rocky outcropping of land on the south shore of Wildcat Creek then running northwest to the opposite shore.
 3. Parsons Creek (Edgecomb): northwest of a line beginning at a prominent point of land that separates the east and west lobes of Parsons Creek then running southwest to a red painted post located on a prominent point of land on the western shore Parsons Creek.
- C. Effective immediately, due to intermittent pollution caused by rainfall, the shores, flats and waters in the following area are classified as Conditionally Approved and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels, when rainfall meets or exceeds 1" within a 24 hour period: Cross River: east of a line beginning at a point of land at the end of Oven's Mouth 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; AND south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of a rocky outcropping of land on the south shore of Wildcat Creek then running northwest to the opposite shore.

If you have questions, please contact Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9535, Email: Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov. During **weekends/holidays**, contact 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: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm . This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,



Alison Sirois
Commissioner's Designee – Shellfish Growing Area Program Supervisor

12:30 PM

(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 21-D



Sheepscoot River (Westport Island, Edgecomb, Boothbay, Boothbay Hbr)

