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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 19, 2015

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 No17-B, Harpswell Neck (Harpswell): This notice removes the Prohibited area in Harpswell Harbor due to remediation of a point source of pollution, an updated shoreline survey and water quality meeting Approved and Restricted 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. Middle Bay: southeast of a line beginning at the north tip of Whites Point, then running southwest to the end of the U.S. Navy Harpswell Fuel Depot pier; AND east of a line running southeast to a red painted post located on the shore at the end of Curtis Cove Road.
 2. Harpswell Sound: west of a line beginning at the northeast point of Clark Cove, then running southwest to navigational buoy C"15" at Merriman Ledges; AND north of a line running from navigational buoy C"15" at Merriman Ledges northwest to a red painted post on the shore at the end of Thompson Road.
 3. Potts Point, Harpswell Neck: southeast of a line beginning on the northwestern side of the Harpswell Neck causeway running west to Bar Island; AND southeast of a line beginning at the southern tip of Bar Island running southeast to the southern tip of Potts Point; AND west of a line beginning at the end of Gravepoint Rd running southwest to the southern tip of Potts Point
 - ~~4. Harpswell Harbor: west of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Stover Point running northwest to a red painted post on the shore at the end of Firehouse Rd.~~
- B. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit:
1. Ash Point Cove: north of a line beginning on the shore at the end of Bibber Way, then running east to the shore at the end of Austin Point Road.
 2. Merriman Cove: West of a line beginning at the at the northern most point of Merriman Cove at the end of Merriman Cove Road running southwest to the southernmost point of Merriman Cove at the end of Morse Shore Road.

3. Harpswell Harbor: south of a line beginning at the west tip of Stover Point, running west to the opposite shore at the end of William Dr.

C. Effective immediately, because of seasonal pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:

1. Basin Cove: the area north of a line beginning at the end of Bufflehead Lane running southeast to the marina landing on the opposite shore shall be closed from May 1 through November 30.
2. Basin Point and Ash Point: south of a line beginning at the end of Bufflehead Lane running southeast to the marina landing on the opposite shore; AND north of a line beginning at the south tip of Ash Point, running southwest to the south tip of Basin Point, shall be closed from April 15 through October 31.

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or 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/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,



Kohl Kanwit
Commissioner's Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

3:25 PM
(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 17-B

Harpswell Neck (Harpswell)

