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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

March 11, 2016

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. 18, Quahog Bay, Hen Cove, Ridley Cove (Harpswell): This notice extends the closed period for the Conditionally Approved season in Orrs Cove due to seasonal operation of a marina. 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 from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited areas:

1. Western Quahog Bay: south of a line beginning at the south tip of Tondreau Point running northwest to a red painted post on the west shore of Orrs Cove, AND west of a line beginning at the northern tip of Center Island AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Center Island and running southwest to a red painted post at the end of Bernier Lane.
2. Upper Brickyard Cove: north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the eastern shore of Brickyard Cove, approximately 850 feet from the head of the cove, and running west to a red painted post located on the western shore of Brickyard Cove.

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 without a special MDMR permit; northeast of a line beginning at the southern tip of Natrimac Point running southeast to the southwestern most point of land on the opposite shore.

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 following closed periods: ~~between June 1st through September 30th:~~

1. Orrs Cove, Harpswell: north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Tondreau Point, then running northwest to a red painted post on the west shore of Orrs Cove will CLOSE May 1 through November 30.
2. Mill, Brickyard and Rich Coves, Harpswell: northeast of a line beginning at the southern tip of Tondreau Point then running southeast to the northwestern tip of Ben Island; AND north of a line beginning at the northern eastern tip of Ben Island and running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore at the end of Vinal Road will CLOSE June 1 through September 30.

3. Upper Card Cove, Harpswell: north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore at the intersection of Rt 24 and Long Point Rd running east to a red painted post on the shore at the end of Elton Farm Rd will CLOSE June 1 through September 30.
4. Hen Cove, Harpswell: north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Bethel Point running northeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore will CLOSE June 1 through September 30
5. Ridley Cove, Harpswell: south of a line formed by the footbridge at the end of Leavitt Island Lane running west to Leavitt Island; AND east of a line beginning at the southern tip of Leavitt Island running southeast to a red painted post located at the most northern tip of land east of Big Hen Island will CLOSE June 1 through September 30

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/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

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(Effective Time)



Maine Department of Marine Resources

Pollution Area No. 18

Quahog Bay, Hen Cove, Ridley Cove (Harpswell)

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