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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

December 27, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 27-B, Lower St. George River (Cushing and St. George): This notice repeals the Prohibited area (A.10) in Maple Juice Cove due to the remediation of a point source of pollution and water quality meeting approved standards year-round. 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):

- 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. Maple Juice Cove (Cushing): north of a line beginning at the south end of the point at Sheep Point Lane, Cushing, extending to the southern tip of the un-named point on the opposite shore.
 2. Maple Juice Cove (Cushing): inside of a line beginning at a red painted post on the west side of Burton Point, extending south to Green Can #7, then northeast to a red painted post on the east side of Burton Point.
 3. Gay Island, (Cushing): east of a line beginning at the most narrow portion of Gay Island, then running southwest to the southernmost tip of the unnamed point of land at the northeast end of Gay Cove.
 4. Deep Cove (St. George): inside of a line beginning at the western tip of the un-named point northeast of the point at the end of Crazy Point Lane then extending southwest to the tip of the point at the end of Crazy Point Lane then continuing southwest to the north end of Caldwell Island, then extending east to the point of land in Deep Cove at the end of Deep Cove Lane.
 5. The Narrows (St. George and Cushing): inside of a line beginning at the point of land at the northern end of Teel Cove (St. George), then extending north to the north tip of Hawthorne Point (Cushing), then extending east to the tip of the unnamed point at the end of Duncan Lane on Otis Point, St George.
 6. Broad Cove (Cushing): east of a line beginning in front of the last house at the end of Lewis Lane, Cushing extending northwest to a red painted post located at the south end of the most northern path on the prominent unnamed point opposite Fales Store, at the head of Broad Cove, Cushing.
 7. Pleasant Point Gut (Cushing): north of a line beginning at the north end of the first wharf on Harbor Lane, Cushing running northeast to the southern tip of Pleasant Point, Cushing.
 8. Wiley Cove (Cushing): west of a line extending southwest from the east tip of Bailey Point to a red painted post located on the east tip of the un-named point southwest of Bailey Point.
 9. Maple Juice Cove (Cushing): north of a line beginning at the south end of the point at Sheep Point Lane, Cushing, running west to the eastern most point of land on the opposite shore.

~~10. Maple Juice Cove (Cushing): south of a line beginning at the southern tip of the southwest point at the end of Maple Juice Lane and continuing southwest to the northern tip of the prominent unnamed point of land on the opposite shore.~~

B. Effective immediately, because of non-point source pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from shores, flats, and waters of the following Restricted areas without a special MDMR permit:

1. Unnamed Pt. to Hawthorne Pt. (Cushing): west of a line extending southwest from a red painted post located on the east tip of the un-named point southwest of Bailey Point to the north tip of Hawthorne Pt. Cushing.
2. Maple Juice Cove (Cushing): south of a line beginning at the north tip of Stones Point, then extending east to Green Can #7, then southwest to the east tip of the unnamed point south of Stones Point.
3. Otis Cove (St George): south of a line drawn across the most narrow portion of the western cove in Otis Cove, St George.
4. Eastern Otis Cove (St George): south of a line beginning approximately 28 yards from the end of Dickson Lane running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore of an unnamed point.

C. Effective immediately, the shores, flats and waters of Broad Cove (Cushing), north of a line beginning at the southeastern most point on Bradford Point (Cushing), running southwest to a red painted post located on the opposite shore; AND south of a line beginning in front of the last house at the end of Lewis Lane extending northwest to a red painted post located at the south end of the most northern path on the prominent unnamed point opposite Fales Store, at the head of Broad Cove, are classified as Conditionally Approved and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters, and mussels from June 1 to October 31.

D. ~~E.~~ Effective immediately, the shores, flats and waters of Turkey Cove (St George) east of a line drawn south from the western tip of Turkey Point to a red painted post located on a prominent point on the opposite shore are classified as Conditionally Approved and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters, and mussels from August 1 to October 31.

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: <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,



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Commissioner's Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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(Effective Time)



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