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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

September 5, 2023

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following changes to Growing Area EC, Little Deer Isle and Deer Isle (Deer Isle, Stonington). This notice reclassifies an area in Pickering Cove from Conditionally Approved to Approved due to water quality meeting approved standards year-round. 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. Pumpkin Island to Eggmoggin, Little Deer Isle (Deer Isle): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post at the end of Lighthouse Lane approximately 500 yards southwest of the boat launch running west to green navigational buoy #29; AND southeast of a line beginning at green navigational buoy #29 running northeast to green navigational buoy #25, AND southwest of a line beginning at green navigation buoy #25 running southeast to end at the boathouse at the end of Birchholm Lane.
- P2. Northwest Harbor and the Mill Pond (Deer Isle): southeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the western end of the Mill Dam, running approximately 330 yards northeast to a red painted post located on a point of land on the opposite shore. This closure includes all of "The Mill Pond" on the south side of the Mill Dam.
- P3. Inner Harbor and Holt Pond (Deer Isle and Stonington): south of a line beginning at Morgan Point (off the end of Morgan Point Ln.) running south to a red painted post on the southern shore of Inner Harbor.
- P4. Stonington Harbor (Stonington): northeast of a line beginning at the southwest point of Moose Island, then running southeast to red nun #24, then running northeast to the northwestern ledge of the Dow Ledges, and then running north to the mouth of Ames Pond Stream.
- P5. Burnt Hill Cove (Stonington): north of a line beginning at an unnamed point approximately 250 yards west of the mouth of Burnt Hill Stream then running southeast to another unnamed point of land approximately 100 yards to the south of Burnt Hill Stream.

Conditionally Approved (Rainfall, Seasonal): 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 June 1st through September 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>.

- CA 1. Greenlaw Cove (Deer Isle): west of a line beginning at the tip of a prominent point of land on the north shore of Greenlaw Cove running south to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

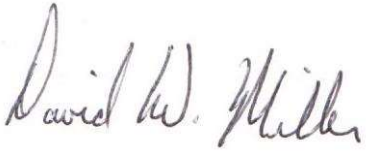
Conditionally Approved (Seasonal): Effective immediately, because of seasonal pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:

- CA2. Whig Island (Deer Isle): east of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Whig Island, running north to a red painted post on the southern point of the prominent point of land on the northern shore of this cove; AND east of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Whig Island, running south to a red painted post on the southern shore of this cove (closed July 1st through September 30th).
- CA3. Pickering Cove (Deer Isle): ~~north and west of a line beginning at the western tip of Big Hay Island, running northeast to the southern tip of the prominent point of land on the northern shore of Pickering Cove; AND north and west of a line beginning at the western tip of Big Hay Island, running southwest to a red painted post on a prominent point of land on the southern shore of Pickering Cove (closed June 1st through September 30th).~~
- CA3. Crockett Cove (Deer Isle, Stonington): north and east of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore approximately 250 yards southwest of where the Stonington town line crosses Burnt Cove Rd, running southeast to the head of the nearest peninsula in Stonington (closed June 1st through August 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 EC.

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/shellfish-closures-and-aquaculture-leases-map>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207- 624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).



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Commissioner's Designee

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(*Effective Time*)