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September 1, 2023

Cathy Doughty, Town Clerk
P.O. Box 39
Harpwell, ME 04079

Re: Conservation Closure(s)/Opening(s)

Dear Ms. Doughty:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the following request(s). **NEW REQUESTS IN BOLD.**

Effective	End Date	Shellfish Area	Status
5/1/2023	9/6/2023	Quahog Bay, as described as: Beginning on the Eastern edge of Bethel Point Boat Launch, running Westerly to a private boat launch known as “Webbers Launch” located at 13 Hiram Drive in Harpswell. All areas North of this line shall be closed to the harvest of softshell clams, quahogs, American oysters, European oysters, and razor clams from May 1, 2023, to September 6, 2023. Exception date of August 19, 2023, between 0600 and 1100 for the sole harvest of shellfish in preparation for the annual landowner appreciation day. Wardens will be present on this exception day.	CLOSED
2/1/2020	Indefinite	<u>All the flats and coves in the town of Harpswell-</u> Closed to the harvesting of all species from intertidal areas, when water is over the flats.	Closed

This office approves of the Town of Harpswell conservation measures. We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed on your conservation activities.

If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Meredith White, Nearshore Marine Resources Program Supervisor

cc: Lt. Daniel White, Marine Patrol Division I - Boothbay
Ari Leach, Marine Resource Scientist II
Kohl Kanwit, Director of Bureau of Public Health