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COMMISSIONER

Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

October 17, 2020

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 the Conditional Area Closure Notice: this notice resets rainfall Areas No. 11, 14, 15, 16, 21-C, 21-D, 21-E, 26, 27, and 27-A due to an additional one inch of rain in 24 hours. **Areas No. 21-C, 21-E, 26, and 27 will reopen effective 00:01 hours, October 26, 2020. Areas No. 11, 14, 15, 16, 21-D, and 27-A will reopen effective 00:01 hours, October 31, 2020.** All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

Please refer to the specific Area notices for maps and a detailed description of the impacted conditional areas: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html>. Reopening dates will change if additional rain or flow events occur. Whenever a Conditional Area is impacted by rainfall AND a WWTP CSO or bypass event, the area remains closed until the WWTP closure is lifted. Always check this notice before harvesting in a rainfall, river flow and/or Waste Water Treatment Plant performance conditional area to determine the open/closed status. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

The descriptions of the areas are as follows (struck text is removed and underlined text is being added):

Rainfall, Tide, Sewage Treatment Plant and River Discharge Conditional Areas

Rainfall Closures:

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, OCTOBER 22, 2020.**

~~Area No. 21-C: area (B.1.) Sheepscot River, Woolwich, Westport, Wiscasset.~~

~~Area No. 21-E: area (C.1.) Hockomock Bay, Georgetown, Westport.~~

~~Area No. 26: areas (C.1 and C.2) on the Medomak River.~~

~~Area No. 27: area (C.) on the St George River~~

~~Area No. 30-I: Area (C.) North Haven Salt Pond.~~

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, OCTOBER 26, 2020.**

Area No. 21-C: area (B.1.) Sheepscot River, Woolwich, Westport, Wiscasset.

Area No. 21-E: area (C.1.) Hockomock Bay, Georgetown, Westport.

Area No. 26: areas (C.1 and C.2) on the Medomak River.

Area No. 27: area (C.) on the St George River

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, OCTOBER 31 27, 2020.**

Area No. 11: areas (B.1.-B.3.) in the Nonesuch and Scarborough Rivers, Scarborough.

Area No. 14: area (D.1.) in the Cousins River, Yarmouth.

Area No. 15: area (B.) in the Harraseeket River, Freeport.

Area No. 16: area (B.) in Maquoit Bay, Brunswick.

Area No. 21-D: area (C.) in Cross River, Boothbay.

Area No. 27-A: Area (B.1.) in Wheeler Bay, St. George.

Astronomical High Tide Closures:

The following area will close due to greater than 11 feet tides **EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, OCTOBER 16, 2020 AND WILL REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, OCTOBER 25, 2020.**

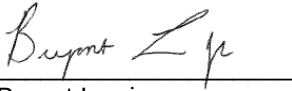
Area No. 27: Area (C.) on the St. George River- **Note concurrent rainfall closure effective until 00:01 Hours, October 26, 2020.**

The following area will close due to greater than 11 feet tides **EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 AND WILL REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, NOVEMBER 23, 2020.**

Area No. 27: Area (C.) on the St. George River

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,



Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner's Designee

3:20 PM
(Effective Time)