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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following changes to Growing Area WG, East Point (Biddeford) to Prouts Neck (Scarborough); this notice removes the seasonal closure period in Biddeford Pool due to water quality meeting the approved standard 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. Scarborough River (Scarborough): north of a line beginning at a red painted posted approximately 740 yards southeast of the Route 1 bridge in the Dunstan River running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
- P2. East Point (Biddeford) to Prouts Neck (Scarborough): south of a line beginning at the west tip of the jetty on the western shore of Prouts Neck (Scarborough) then running northwest to the end of Parcher Avenue off East Grand Avenue (Old Orchard Beach); AND southwest of a line beginning at the tip of Prouts Neck running southeast to the northeastern tip of Stratton Island; AND east of a line beginning at the southwestern tip of Stratton Island running southeast to buoy RW "WI"; then running southwest to the east tip of Wood Island (Biddeford); then running southwest to the east tip of East Point, Fletcher Neck (Biddeford), AND east of a line across the mouth of Biddeford Pool to the west end of Orcutt Blvd.

Conditionally Approved (WWTP & Seasonal): Effective immediately, because of proximity to a WWTP AND 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) following a malfunction/CSO event at the Biddeford Pool Wastewater Treatment Plant ~~OR during the closed dates~~. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>

- CA1. Biddeford Pool (Biddeford): west of a line across the mouth of Biddeford Pool to the west end of Orcutt Blvd (~~closed September 1st through October 31st~~).

Conditionally Approved (Rainfall): 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. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>

- CA2. Nonesuch River (Scarborough): east of a line beginning at a red painted post at the end of Winnocks Neck Road running south to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
- CA3. Scarborough River (Scarborough): west and north of a line beginning at the boat ramp at the end of Seaveys Landing Road running north-northeast to a red painted post at the center of a large unnamed island then continuing north-northeast to the opposite shore in line with the end of a large stand of trees; AND south of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 740 yards southeast of the Route 1 bridge running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
- CA4. Doc's Creek (Scarborough): west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of the prominent point of land at the northern mouth of Doc's Creek running southeast to the southern tip of an unnamed island, then running southwest to a red painted post at the northern point of land approximately 600 yards northeast of Pine Point Rd bridge.

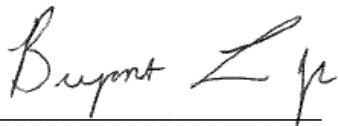
Approved: All other shores, flats and waters not described in the above sections are Approved and it is lawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) when in the open status. For current status, please refer to the Biotxin and Emergency Closure Notices on the DMR website:

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>

A. Growing Area WG.

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



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Commissioner's Designee

11:45 AM
(Effective Time)