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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 change to Area No. 100-A (South Berwick to Bristol); this notice reinstates the exception area for aquaculture lease site CAS BA2 due to a decreased risk of contamination by naturally occurring marine biotoxins. Exceptions to this closure are defined in the legal notice text and are subject to strict sampling requirements that ensure the safety of harvested product. An interactive map that allows the user to zoom in to specific areas can be found on the ME DMR website: [Shellfish Closures and Aquaculture Leases Map | Department of Marine Resources \(maine.gov\)](#). All other 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 biotoxin, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any mussels, surf/hen clams (*Spisula solidissima* and *Mactromeris polynyma*), razor clams (*Ensis directus*), European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) or carnivorous snails from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

East of a line drawn south from the Maine/New Hampshire border to the limit of Maine territorial waters; AND west of a line drawn south from the southernmost tip of Pemaquid Point (Bristol) to the limit of Maine territorial waters.

EXCEPTION 100-A-01: mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested north of Route 103 (Eliot/Kittery).

EXCEPTION 100-A-07: surf clams (*Spisula solidissima* and *Mactromeris polynyma*) may be harvested north of a line beginning at Kennebec Pt. (Georgetown) running east to Indian Pt. (Georgetown).

EXCEPTION 100-A-08: mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested within the boundaries of Reid State Park (Georgetown).

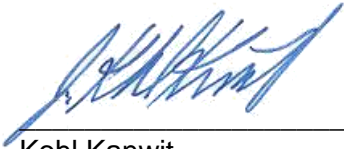
EXCEPTION 100-A-09: mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested north of a line beginning at the end of Five Islands Road (Georgetown) running east to the Hendricks Head light (Southport); AND east of Rt 127 bridge (Woolwich/Arrowsic).

EXCEPTION 100-A-10: mussels, razor clams (*Ensis directus*), European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and carnivorous snails may be harvested north of a line beginning at the northern tip of Farnham Point (East Boothbay), running southeast to Foster Point (Rutherford Island); AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Shipley Point (Rutherford Island) running northeast to Fish Point (Bristol).

EXCEPTION: surf clams (*Spisula solidissima* and *Mactromeris polynyma*) for bait may be harvested in Prohibited areas-only with an appropriate permit from the DMR Commissioner.

EXCEPTION: Aquaculture lease site CAS-BASK2 and CAS BA2.

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: [Maine Growing Area Closures: Shellfish Area Inventory with Legal Notices and Maps | Department of Marine Resources](#). This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).



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