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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This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 EB, Cape Rosier (Brooksville) to Naskeag Point (Brooklin). This notice reclassifies an area in the upper Benjamin River (Sedgwick, Brooklin) and Orcutt Harbor 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. Bucks Harbor (Brooksville): northeast of a line beginning at the southern tip of Condons Point then running southeast to a red-painted post approximately 100 yards east of the "Oakland House" wharf in the village of "The Herricks" (Brooksville).
- P2. Stand Cove (Brooksville): northwest of a line beginning at the southern tip of a prominent point approximately 50 yards southeast of where Prentice Point Road ends on the shore, then running southwest to a red painted post on the eastern shore of Blake Point approximately 200 yards east of the intersection of Weir Cove Road and Bayberry Hill Road.

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:

- GA1. ~~Orcutt Harbor (Brooksville): north of a line beginning at Charles Howard Point running northeast to Condons Point (closed June 1st through October 31st).~~

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- CA2. ~~Upper Benjamin River (Sedgwick, Brooklin): north and east of a line beginning at the southern tip of Means Point, running southeast to the northwestern tip of the prominent point of land at the end of Benjamin River Drive (closed May 1st through August 31st).~~
- CA1. Benjamin River (Sedgwick, Brooklin): south and west of a line beginning at the southern tip of Means Point, running southeast to the northwestern tip of the prominent point of land at the end of Benjamin River Drive; AND north of a line beginning at the westernmost point of Cape Carter (Brooklin), running northwest across the mouth of the river, to the nearest point of land on the Sedgwick shore (closed May 1st through October 31st).
- CA2. Center Harbor (Brooklin): north of a line beginning at the shoreward end of the 1st wharf on the south shore of Kane Point, located approximately 130 yards southeast of the eastern tip of Kane Point, then running northwest to the most western point of Chatto Island, then continuing northwest to the U.S. Coast Guard navigation aid "N2"; AND east of a line beginning at the U.S. Coast Guard navigation aid "N2" running north to shoreward end of the 1st wharf located approximately 150 yards west of the end of the Steamboat Road in Haven Village (closed May 1st through October 31st).

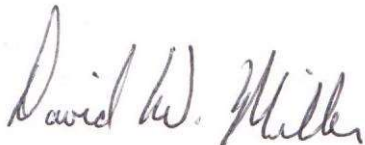
Approved: All other shores, flats and waters not described in the above sections are Approved and it is lawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) when in the open status. For current status, please refer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

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

A. Growing Area EB.

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).

Sincerely,



David W. Miller
Eastern Maine Growing Area,
Commissioner's Designee

3:00 PM
(Effective Time)