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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

June 18, 2024

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 ES, Thornton Pt (Cutler) to Lubec Neck (Lubec). This notice reclassifies an area in Little Machias Bay (Cutler) from Approved to Restricted due to water quality not meeting approved standards. 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. Bog Brook Cove (Trescott Twp): west of a line beginning at an unnamed prominent point approximately 400 yards northeast of the end of Rosebrooks Lane running north to an unnamed prominent point on the opposite shore.
- P2. Bog Brook Cove (Cutler): west of a line beginning at a unnamed prominent point at the end of Sebistose Lane running north to a point of land approximately 150 yards northeast of the end of Norse Pond Road.
- P3. Money Cove (Cutler): West of a line beginning at the easternmost tip of Marsh Point, then running northeast to the easternmost tip of Otter Point.

Restricted: 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 (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area without a special MDMR permit:

- R1. Lubec Channel (Lubec): south and west of a line beginning at a red painted post on the southeast tip of West Quoddy Bar running, southeast to the shore approximately 600 yards east of the intersection of West Quoddy Head Road and Carrying Place Cove Road.
- R2. Haycock Harbor (Trescott Twp): west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the north shore of "The Pool" approximately 570 yards from the Route 191 bridge crossing

Wiggins Brook, then running southeast to a red painted post located on the south shore of "The Pool" approximately 550 yards from the Route 191 bridge crossing Wiggins Brook.

- R3. Little River (Cutler): west of a line beginning at the Fitzhenry Lobster Pound pier running north approximately 200 yards to a red painted post on the north shore of the Little River.
- R4. Little Machias Bay (Cutler): Northeast of a line beginning at the west bank of the mouth of Marsh Stream running southeast to the shore at the end of Brickyard Road.

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:

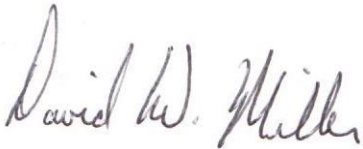
<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/shellfish-closures-and-aquaculture-leases-map>.

A. Growing Area ES.

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/shellfish-closures-and-aquaculture-leases-map>.. 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

2:00 PM
(Effective Time)