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EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:

CHAPTER 36: Atlantic Herring; 2021 Season 2 Closed

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)(C)

PURPOSE: The Days Out Commissioners set zero landing days for Season 2 (Trimester 3; October 1 – December 31) of the Atlantic herring fishery. The Commissioner determined that it was necessary to take emergency action to implement this harvest schedule to prevent the depletion of the supply of Atlantic herring and to comply with the changes to the interstate management of the Atlantic herring resource.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: October 1, 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Herring fishermen

CHAPTER 36: Atlantic Herring: 2021 Season 2 Open

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)(C)

PURPOSE: The Days Out Commissioners set four landing days for Season 2 (Trimester 3; October 1 – December 31) of the Atlantic herring fishery, Monday at 12:01 a.m. through Thursday at 11:59 p.m., beginning on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. All individuals harvesting herring were required to email their pre-land hail weight three hours prior to landing to herring.dmr@maine.gov. The Commissioner determined that it was necessary to take emergency action to comply with the changes to the interstate management of the Atlantic herring resource and to reduce the risk of an overage in the Area 1A sub-ACL that could deplete the supply of Atlantic herring.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: November 6, 2021

AFFECTED PARTIES: Herring fishermen

CHAPTER 11: Targeted Closures: (9) Gouldsboro & Dyers Bay LAA; (10) Wahoa Bay & West Moosabec Reach LAA

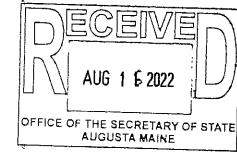
STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)(A)

PURPOSE: The Commissioner adopted this emergency rulemaking to establish scallop conservation closures for the Gouldsboro and Dyers Bays limited access area and Wahoa Bay including the West Moosabec Reach limited access area all within Zone 2. The Department was concerned that continued harvesting for the remainder of the 2021-2022 fishing season in these areas would reduce scallop broodstock further, as well as jeopardize sublegal scallops that were observed in the 2021 Spring Scallop survey that are essential to the ongoing recruitment, regrowth and recovery of the scallop resource. An immediate conservation closure was necessary to reduce the risk of unusual damage and imminent depletion of the scallop resource in these three scallop resource areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: January 2, 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine commercial and noncommercial scallop license holders and

scallop dealers.



CHAPTER 11: Targeted Closures: (11) Johnson Bay & Eastport Breakwater STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)(A)

PURPOSE: The Commissioner adopted this emergency rulemaking to establish a scallop conservation closure for Johnson Bay and Eastport Breakwater within Zone 3. The Department was concerned that continued harvesting for the remainder of the 2021-2022 fishing season in these areas would reduce scallop broodstock further, as well as jeopardize sublegal scallops that were observed in the 2021 Fall Scallop survey that are essential to the ongoing recruitment, regrowth and recovery of the scallop resource. An immediate conservation closure was necessary to reduce the risk of unusual damage and imminent depletion of the scallop resource in Johnson Bay and Eastport Breakwater area.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: February 6, 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine commercial and noncommercial scallop license holders and scallop dealers.

CHAPTER 11: Targeted Closures: : (9) Gouldsboro & Dyers Bay RA; (11) Cobscook, Whiting & Dennys Bays; (12) Upper Machias RA; (13) West Vinalhaven Islands STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)(A)

PURPOSE: The Commissioner adopted this emergency rulemaking to establish scallop conservation closures for Cobscook, Whiting, and Dennys Bays (Zone 3), Upper Machias Bay Rotational Area (RA), Gouldsboro & Dyers Bays RA and West Vinalhaven Islands in the Lower Penobscot RA (Zone 2). The Department was concerned that continued harvesting for the remainder of the 2021-2022 fishing season in these areas would reduce scallop broodstock further, as well as jeopardize sublegal scallops that were observed in the 2021 Scallop surveys that are essential to the ongoing recruitment, regrowth and recovery of the scallop resource. An immediate conservation closure was necessary to reduce the risk of unusual damage and imminent depletion of the scallop resource in four important scallop harvest areas. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: February 20, 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Maine commercial and noncommercial scallop license holders and scallop dealers.

CHAPTER 50: Spiny Dogfish Harvest, Possession, and Landing Restrictions STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)(C)

PURPOSE: This emergency rule increased the spiny dogfish commercial trip limit in Maine state waters to 7,500 pounds per calendar day or 24-hour period. This increased trip limit aligned Maine's regulations with the 2022 fishing year spiny dogfish specifications published by NOAA Fisheries on April 7, 2022 and with a recent vote at the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to mirror the federal waters trip limit in state waters.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: May 1, 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial spiny dogfish harvesters

CHAPTER 36: Atlantic Herring; Season 2 Opens STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)(C)

PURPOSE: The Days Out Commissioners set zero landing days for June 1 through July 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The Days Out Commissioners set five landing days for Season 1 (Trimester 2; June 1 – September 30) of the Atlantic herring fishery, Sunday at 6:00 p.m. through Friday at 6:00 p.m., beginning on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The weekly landing limit for Atlantic Herring Limited Access Category A vessels was 240,000 pounds (or 6 trucks). Harvesters could not transfer herring to carrier vessels while at-sea. Carrier vessels could not receive herring from a harvester vessel while at-sea. The Commissioner determined that it was necessary to take emergency action to comply with the changes to the interstate management

of the Atlantic herring resource and to reduce the risk of an overage in the Area 1A sub-ACL that could deplete the supply of Atlantic herring.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: May 31, 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Herring fishermen

CHAPTER 41: Menhaden Modified 2022 State Allocation Harvest Schedule STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)(A)

PURPOSE: Under the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (ISFMP) for Atlantic menhaden, Maine is allocated 0.52% of the coastwide Total Allowable Catch (TAC). For the 2022 fishing year, this base allocation for the state directed fishery is 2,194,080 pounds. In previous seasons, Maine has reduced harvest opportunity through either landing days or trip limits to minimize the risk of incurring an overage within the state directed fishery. With the anticipation of additional effort for the 2020 fishing season, it was necessary to reduce open harvest days for the state directed fishery to only Mondays and Thursdays to ensure effective monitoring of the State's available quota. The Commissioner determined that it was necessary to take emergency action to reduce the daily landing limit to prevent unusual damage to the menhaden resource by exceeding available quota

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: May 31, 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Menhaden harvesters

CHAPTER 41: Menhaden Modified 2022 Episodic Fishery Harvest Limit

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(3)(A) PURPOSE: Under the Interstate Fishery Ma

PURPOSE: Under the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (ISFMP) for Atlantic menhaden, the Episodic Event Set Aside (EESA) program receives 1% of the coastwide total allowable catch (TAC). The estimated EESA quota for FY2022 is 4,285,786 pounds and is a shared quota pool between Northeastern states. Increased participation observed during the FY2022 state allocated fishery requires further limitations in harvest controls for the EESA to reduce a risk of overage of the shared EESA quota. Harvest for EESA was permitted on Tuesdays and Fridays only. Harvesters were restricted to a single landing of 6,000 pounds per vessel daily with same day reporting required. The Commissioner determined that it was necessary to take emergency action to reduce the daily landing limit to prevent unusual damage to the menhaden resource by exceeding available quota.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTED RULE: June 21, 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Menhaden harvesters

EXPECTED 2022-2023 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:

(CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not contemplated for all rules listed.)

CHAPTER 1: WATERCRAFT EXCISE TAX DECAL

No rule-making anticipated.

CHAPTER 2: AQUACULTURE

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6072, 6072-A, 6072-C, 6172

PURPOSE: Update Chapter 2 to include regulations that modify portions of the Limited Purpose Aquaculture (LPA) and leasing programs, to implement past legislation, and to clarify existing rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Aquaculture industry

CHAPTER 3: FOREIGN FISH PROCESSING WITHIN THE STATE OF MAINE'S INTERNAL WATERS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 4: CERTIFICATION, RECERTIFICATION, REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION FOR MUNICIPAL SHELLFISH CONSERVATION WARDEN

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 5: CONFIDENTIALITY OF STATISTICS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 6: LOBSTER PROCESSING, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 7: REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES HAVING SHELLFISH CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6671, 6673

PURPOSE: To update and amend the regulations for towns with approved shellfish

conservation management programs.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Municipalities that have DMR approved Shellfish Conservation Programs

CHAPTER 8: LANDINGS PROGRAM

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6173

PURPOSE: To update landings reporting requirements in conjunction with the implementation

of the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) and to collect landings

information as necessary for management purposes.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Marine harvesters and dealers

CHAPTER 9: HARVESTER: SHELLSTOCK HARVESTING, HANDLING AND SANITATION

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 MRS §6172-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National

Shellfish Sanitation Program.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish harvesters

CHAPTER 10: CLAMS AND QUAHOGS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Amendments to size and harvest restrictions, and regulations pertaining to

management of the clam and quahog resources.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Clam and quahog harvesters

CHAPTER 11: SCALLOPS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6856, 6171-A, 6728, 6706

PURPOSE: To establish or amend local and/or state-wide regulations pertaining to the management of the scallop resource, including annual setting of the season. Establishment of an apprenticeship program and/or limited entry system for the scallop fishery. Amendments for inconsistencies or technical corrections.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Scallop harvesters and dealers

CHAPTER 12: MUSSELS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Amendments to size and harvest restrictions, and regulations pertaining to

management of the mussel resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Mussel harvesters

CHAPTER 13: WHELKS AND PERIWINKLES

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Regulations pertaining to management of the periwinkle resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Periwinkle harvesters

CHAPTER 14: OYSTERS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171, §6863

PURPOSE: Amendments to size and harvest restrictions, regulations pertaining to management

of the oyster resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Oyster harvesters

CHAPTER 22: RETAIL SEAFOOD

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 MRS §6172-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance with the National

Shellfish Sanitation Program.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish industry

CHAPTER 24: IMPORTATION OF LIVE MARINE ORGANISMS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6071, 6171

PURPOSE: Updates to prevent the introduction of infectious organisms that pose a danger to indigenous marine life or its environment; update shellfish health guidelines for wild and aquaculture industry; shellfish regulation updates or establishment of testing, movement restrictions and hatchery inspection requirements; and amend for applicable land-based marine organism aquaculture permitting.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Any person seeking an importation permit, aquaculturists

CHAPTER 25: LOBSTER AND CRAB

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6171-A, 6175, 6431, 6446, 6447, 6448 PURPOSE: To adopt lobster trap limits, number of traps per trawl, the periods allowed for complying with the trap limit and the time of day when fishing may occur as established by lobster management zones' referenda on policy proposals; amend license entry eligibility requirements per zone; amend apprentice requirements; education and safety requirements; and resolve boundary line disputes. In addition, to update rules for consistency with new statutes or amend for clarifications and technical corrections; to amend seed lobster fund rules, double tag requirements for enforcement, rules regarding island limited entry for lobster fishing communities; rules regarding the use of fresh water and marine sources of bait; student license rules pertaining to serving a percentage of their time with their sponsor. To bring Maine into compliance with the ASMFC Amendments to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Lobster including but not limited to most restrictive rules, minimum & maximum sizes, gauge changes. Implementation of emergency rules, repeal of rules replaced by laws and corrections based on rules review for errors and inconsistencies.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: lobster harvesters; lobster dealers

CHAPTER 26: SEA URCHIN

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6749, 6749-W, 6302-A

PURPOSE: To establish or amend local or state-wide urchin regulations pertaining to management of the urchin resource. To amend the season to reallocate the days available for fishing or to reflect spawning conditions, set daily catch limits, adjust size limits or tolerance(s), minimum and maximum size, tolerances, closures for research, zone selection rules; establish rules to govern zone council elections etc. Designate the open days and selection of early or late season(s) for the sea urchin fishery in Zones 1 and 2.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary AFFECTED PARTIES: Sea urchin harvesters, buyers, processors

CHAPTER 27: SEA CUCUMBER

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6813

PURPOSE: To establish or amend local or state-wide sea cucumber regulations pertaining to

management of the sea cucumber resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary AFFECTED PARTIES: Sea cucumber harvesters and dealers

CHAPTER 28: MARINE WORMS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To establish or amend regulations pertaining to management of the marine worm

resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Worm harvesters and dealers

CHAPTER 29: SEAWEED

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to implement rockweed management measures.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Seaweed harvesters and dealers

CHAPTER 30: RIVER HERRING

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To establish or amend regulations pertaining to management of the river herring resource.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial and recreational river herring fishermen

CHAPTER 31: HORSESHOE CRABS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 32: EELS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to comply with ASMFC measures and changes in statute, to provide for the distribution of elver quota and to ensure enforceability of the elver quota system.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary AFFECTED PARTIES: Eel and elver harvesters and dealers

CHAPTER 34: GROUNDFISH

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To manage groundfish stocks by adjusting the sizes and rules to conform with Fisheries Management Plan restrictions and adjust Maine regulations for liberalization of rules pertaining to recovering groundfish stocks. Compliance with NEFMC measures for groundfish.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial and recreational groundfish harvesters

CHAPTER 36: HERRING

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Amend regulations as necessary to conform with the joint New England Fisheries Management Council (NEFMC) and ASMFC herring plans, implementation of emergency rules, repeal of rules replaced by laws and corrections based on rules review for errors and inconsistencies. Changes may include days out of the fishery, fixed gear rules, monitoring, spawning closures, and addendums passed by ASMFC and NEFMC.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Herring harvesters and processors; bait dealers, lobstermen

CHAPTER 37: FRESHWATER FISH REGULATIONS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 39: STURGEON

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 40: SMELTS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to manage the smelt fishery.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Smelt camp owners and harvesters

CHAPTER 41: MENHADEN

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171, §6171-A

PURPOSE: Restrictions as necessary on areas for management of the menhaden resource and reduce potential for gear conflict. Amend regulations as necessary to conform to ASMFC menhaden plan.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Menhaden harvesters

CHAPTER 42: STRIPED BASS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Amend regulations as necessary to manage the striped bass fishery.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Striped bass harvesters

CHAPTER 43: BLUEFISH

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Amend regulations as necessary to manage the bluefish fishery.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Bluefish harvesters

CHAPTER 44: AMERICAN SHAD

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 45: SHRIMP

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §§ 6171, 6171-A

PURPOSE: Amend regulations as necessary to allow for the changes made to shrimp

management by the ASMFC and other new measures.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shrimp harvesters and dealers

CHAPTER 49: SHELLFISH BAIT REGULATIONS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 50: SPINY DOGFISH AND COASTAL SHARKS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To provide compliance with interstate fisheries management plans (ASMFC) for coastal sharks or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Fishery Management Plan for Dogfish in territorial seas through limits on commercial and recreational fisheries. Update rules to be consistent with federal rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial and recreational dogfish and coastal shark harvesters, dealers

CHAPTER 52: MACKEREL

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: The Department anticipates creating a new chapter of regulation (i.e. Chapter 52), which would set possession limits for the recreational harvest of mackerel. The regulations are intended to comply with the mackerel rebuilding plan implemented by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Fall 2022

AFFECTED PARTIES: Recreational mackerel fishermen

CHAPTER 55: GEAR RESTRICTIONS

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to manage various fisheries and clarify

regulations regarding methods of fishing and taking.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial and recreational harvesters and commercial dealers

CHAPTER 60: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171(2-A)

PURPOSE: To update resource management plans as necessary. SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Recommendations in the plans may be utilized by agencies in permitting

decisions.

CHAPTER 65: BURNT ISLAND, LIVING LIGHTHOUSE AND FACILITIES

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 70: CABLE AREA PROHIBITIONS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 75: PROTECTED RESOURCES

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: Rules for compliance and consistency with NOAA Fisheries rules; species involved

may include whales, sea turtles, sturgeon, etc.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary AFFECTED PARTIES: Commercial and recreational harvesters

CHAPTER 80: COMMERCIAL PELAGIC AND ANADROMOUS FISHING LICENSE

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 85: SALTWATER FISHING REGISTRY

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 90: CONSERVATION AREAS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 94: SANITARY CONTROL OF MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A; §6856

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to reference current versions of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance (NSSP MO), or update existing Department requirements for the retail trade and various permits that are not currently included in the NSSP MO.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary AFFECTED PARTIES: Individuals engaged in the retail trade of shellfish including dealers, depuration processors, shellstock shippers, reshippers, enhanced retail seafood license holders, and relay activities.

CHAPTER 95: CLOSED POLLUTED AREAS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 96: CLOSED AREAS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 105: SAFETY REGULATIONS

No rule-making anticipated

CHAPTER 110: MARINE HARVESTING DEMONSTRATION LICENSE

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171

PURPOSE: To amend regulations as necessary to manage licensed activities.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Marine harvesting demonstration license holders

CHAPER 115: VIBRIO PARAHAEMOLYTICUS CONTROL PLAN

STATUTORY BASIS: 12 M.R.S. §6171-A

PURPOSE: New and amended regulations as necessary for compliance and safety.

SCHEDULE FOR ADPTION: Throughout the year as necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Shellfish harvesters and dealers in affected areas