Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

February 21, 2013

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 13, Western Casco Bay and Islands (Cape Elizabeth to Falmouth: This notice reclassifies Johnsons Cove, Great Chebeague Island from prohibited to approved due to remediation of a septic pollution source. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

1. Western Casco Bay and Islands (Cape Elizabeth to Falmouth), inside and shoreward of a line beginning at the end of Waites Landing Road (Falmouth), then running southwest to the south tip of the most western island of The Brothers, continuing southeast to the south tip of the southeastern most island of The Brothers, continuing northeast to Crow Island (1000’ northeast of Chivericks Cove (Long Island), continuing southeast to the navigational aide Red Beacon “P” Mo (A), and then continuing northwest to McKenney Point (Cape Elizabeth).

2. Mussel Cove area (Falmouth): inside and shoreward of a line beginning at a red painted post at the most northern point of land at the mouth of Mussel Cove (Falmouth), then continuing southeast to the tip of Bartlett Point (Falmouth), then continuing southeast to the tip of Prince Point (Falmouth).

3. Hope Island (Chebeague Island): within 500 feet of shore.


5. Bates Island (Chebeague Island): inside and shoreward of a line beginning at the north tip of Bates Island; then running southwest to the south tip of Ministerial Island; then running southeast to the south tip of Bates Island.

6. Johnson Cove (The Cricks) (Chebeague Island): inside and shoreward of a line beginning at the south tip of Waldo Point, then running southwest to Jenks Point.

6. 7. Clapboard Island (Falmouth): within 300 feet of shore.

B. Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution, the following area is classified as “Conditionally Approved”, and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels from May 1 to November 14: the shores, flats and waters within the following boundaries (1) east of a line beginning at a red painted post at the most northern point of land at the mouth of Mussel Cove (Falmouth), then continuing southeast to the tip of Bartlett Point (Falmouth), then continuing southeast to the tip of Prince Point (Falmouth); (2) east of a line beginning at the end of Waites
Landing Road (Falmouth), then running southwest to the south tip of the most western island of The Brothers, continuing southeast to the south tip of the southeastern most island of The Brothers; (3) inside and shoreward of a line beginning at the easternmost tip of the southeastern most island of The Brothers, continuing northeast to the southern tip of Sturdivant Island, then running southwest to the shore at the end of Town Landing Road (Falmouth).

If you have questions, please contact Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9535, Email: Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov or Michelle Mason Webber, Department of Marine Resources, 21 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0021, Tel: (207) 624-6570, Email: Michelle.Mason@maine.gov.

This notice can be viewed on the Department’s website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm
This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733)

Sincerely,

Michelle Mason Webber
Commissioner’s Designee – Shellfish Program Coordinator

8:36 AM
(Effective Time)