Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

February 7, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 13, Western Casco Bay and Islands (Cape Elizabeth to Falmouth): This notice makes a small adjustment to the closure between Falmouth and Chebeague Island due to a pump station overflow. The area will reopen effective 00:01 hrs on February 27, 2017 and all areas will revert to former classifications. All existing pollution and biotoxin 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); AND south of a line beginning at the shore south of the end of Webber Way, then continuing northwest to the opposite shore approximately 350 yards north of the outlet of an unnamed stream.

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

3. Cliff Island (Portland): within 500 feet of shore.

4. 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.

5. North 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 the northwest tip of Crow Island (1000’ northeast of Chivericks Cove (Long Island), continuing northeast to the southern tip of Great Chebeague Island; AND south of a line beginning at the southern tip of Great Chebeague Island Sunset Landing (Great Chebeague) running northwest to the northern southern tip of Basket Island, then continuing to northwest to the north tip of Sturdivant Island then northwest to a point of land on the shore of Cumberland Foreside.

6. North of a line beginning at the northeastern point of land on Gilsland Farm then running west to the opposite shore south of Mill Pond.

D. Effective immediately it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the lower Presumpscot River (Falmouth): north of
a line beginning at the shore south of the end of Webber Way, then continuing northwest to the opposite shore approximately 350 yards north of the outlet of an unnamed stream; AND south of a line beginning at the northeastern point of land on Gilsland Farm then running west to the opposite shore south of Mill Pond. This area is classified as “Conditionally Restricted for Relay” and shall be closed to the harvest of clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels during any malfunction at the Falmouth Wastewater Treatment Plant. This area is available only for a MDMR permitted project for male specific coliphage (MSC) hybrid container relay/depuration harvest.

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. During weekends/holidays, contact 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: 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).

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Commissioner’s Designee – Director, Bureau of Public Health

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