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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

April 2, 2026

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following changes to Growing Area EE, Swan's Island and Frenchboro. This notice reclassifies an area in Little House Cove (Toothacher Cove, Swans Island) from Approved to Restricted due to water quality failing to meet 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. Burnt Coat Harbor (Swan's Island): north and west of a line beginning at a point of land approximately 75 yards south of the old Boathouse Restaurant, running northeast to the southern tip of City Point.
- P2. Red Point (Swan's Island): south and west of a line beginning at the mouth of the Goose Pond Mountain Stream, running southwest to the tip of West Sister Island; AND north and west of a line beginning at the southwest tip of West Sister Island, running southwest to an unnamed point at the eastern end of Hero Beach.

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:

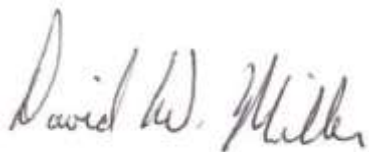
- R1. Little House Cove (Toothacher Cove, Swans Island): northwest of a line beginning at the southern tip of the jetty on the east side of Little House Cove running southwest to the northeast point at the mouth of Little House Cove.

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 Biotoxin and Emergency Closure Notices on the DMR website:

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

- A. Growing Area EE.

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).



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Commissioner's Designee

1:30 PM
(Effective Time)