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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification –
Notification of Changes

May 20, 2025
This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 EQ, Sea Wall Point (Kennebec) to Point of Maine. This notice changes an area in Little Kennebec Bay (Machias) from Approved to rainfall Conditionally Approved due to intermittent pollution from greater than three-quarter inch total rainfall events. 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):

Conditionally Approved (Rainfall): Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution due to rainfall, 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 Conditionally Approved area(s) when rainfall meets or exceeds 0.75" within a 24-hour period. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures.

CA1. Little Kennebec Bay (Machias): South of a line beginning at the house on the end of Manchester Way (Machias) running southwest to the northeast tip of Foss Point (Machias); AND north of a line beginning at southern tip of Holway Point (Machias) running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

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~~:~~

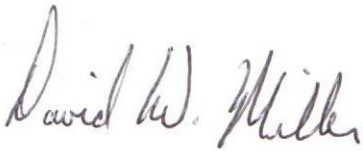
R1. Little Kennebec Bay (Machias): North of a line beginning at the house on the end of Manchester Way (Machias) running southwest to the northeast tip of Foss Point (Machias).

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

A1. Growing Area EQ.

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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David W. Miller (*Effective Time*)
Eastern Maine Growing Area,
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