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## Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

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**This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.**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 WQ, Ocean Point (Boothbay) to Shipley Point (South Bristol). This notice reclassifies Huston Cove from Conditionally Approved to Approved. 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. Great Salt Bay (Newcastle, Nobleboro, Damariscotta): north of a line running west to east between two unnamed points of land, locally known as The Narrows, located approximately 600 yards north of the Route 1 bridge.
- P2. Damariscotta River (Newcastle, Damariscotta): south of the Route 1 bridge; AND north and east of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the southwest tip of Jacks Point (Newcastle), then running south to Green Can buoy #23, then running northeast to the prominent point at the end of Belknap Pt Rd (Damariscotta)
- P3. South of a line beginning at the westerly, unnamed north facing point approximately 240 yards northeast of the end of Chase Pt Ln (Damariscotta), then running northwest to Green Can buoy #23, then running southwest approximately 91 yards west of the southwest tip of Hall Point (Damariscotta), then running east to the southwest tip of Hall Pt.
- P4. Farmers Island (South Bristol): south of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Farmers Island, then running southeast, approximately 275 yards, to the nearest point of land; AND north of a line beginning at the south tip of Farmers Island, then running northeast, approximately 330 yards, to the nearest point of land.
- P5. Lower Damariscotta River (Boothbay and South Bristol): south of a line beginning at the shore at the end of Lincoln St. (Boothbay); then running southeast to a red painted post on the western shore of Jones Point (South Bristol); then continuing south along the western shore of Jones Point to the south tip and continuing south to the USCG Red Nun '6' navigational buoy; then running northeast to a red painted post located at the east side of Jones Cove, beyond the end of Garber Drive (South Bristol); AND north of a line beginning

at the southeast tip of Ocean Point (Boothbay), then running southwest to the southeast tip of Green Island (Boothbay), then continuing northeast to the south tip of Reeds Island (Boothbay), then continuing northeast to the USCG Red and Green Nun 'FP' navigational buoy, then continuing southeast to the south tip of Shipley Point (South Bristol).

P6. Inner Heron Island (South Bristol): within 500 feet of the shoreline.

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. Clark Cove (South Bristol): northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located at the southern end of Clark Cove running southeast to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

Conditionally Restricted (WWTP): Effective immediately, because of proximity to a WWTP, 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 Restricted area(s) following a malfunction/CSO event at the Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Facility. Harvest in this area during the open status is allowed only with a special MDMR permit.

CR1. Damariscotta River (Damariscotta): south of a line beginning at a prominent point at the end of Belknap Pt Rd (Damariscotta) running southwest to Green Can buoy #23; AND north of a line beginning at the westerly, unnamed north facing point approximately 240 yards northeast of the end of Chase Pt Ln (Damariscotta) running northwest to Green Can buoy #23.

Conditionally Approved (WWTP): Effective immediately, because of proximity to a WWTP, 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) following a malfunction/CSO event at the Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Damariscotta Mills Facility. 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. The upper Damariscotta River; south of a line running west to east between two unnamed points of land, locally known as The Narrows, located approximately 600 yards north of the Route 1 bridge; AND north of the Route 1 bridge.

~~Conditionally Approved (Seasonal): Effective immediately, because of seasonal 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 Conditionally Approved area(s) during the closed dates:~~

~~CA2. Huston Cove (Damariscotta), north and east of a line beginning at the southwestern tip of Hall Point running southeast to the opposite shore (closed June 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>).~~

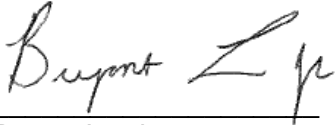
Approved: All other shores, flats and waters not described in the above sections are Approved and it is lawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) when in the open status. For current status, please refer to the Biotxin and Emergency Closure Notices on the DMR website:

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

A. Growing Area WQ.

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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](mailto: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/closures>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207- 624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).



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