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Brianna Mitchell
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Re: Conservation Closure(s)/Opening(s)

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

This is to acknowledge the following conservation closure/opening request(s). **New requests are in BOLD.** These areas are closed to the harvest of softshell clams.

Effective	End	Shellfish Area	Status
6/30/2026	10/31/2026	Hog Island/Schieffelin Point (Bunker Cove)- From Schieffelin Point to Bradley Point---All the shores and flats on the southeastern side of Schieffelin Point then running south to the end of Freeman Ledge, then southeast to the north tip of Taft Point, then northeast to the south tip of Bradley Point.	Closed
12/31/2025	6/30/2026	<u>Jones Cove</u> : Inland of a line beginning at the north tip of Taft Point running northeast to the south tip of Bradley Point.	Closed
12/31/2025	6/30/2026	<u>Deep Cove</u> : inland of a line beginning at the north tip of Marsh Point, then northeast to Shag Ledge, then southeast to the north tip of Point Francis.	Closed
9/30/2025	4/30/2026	<u>Joy Bay</u> : inland of a line beginning at the south tip of Baker Point Then south to the north tip of Rogers Point, then west and east tip of Garden Point.	Closed
6/30/2026	12/31/2026	<u>Gouldsboro Bay (Point Francis – Sampson Point)</u> : inside and west of a line beginning at the north tip of Point Francis, then southeast to the northeast tip of Sampson Point.	Closed
4/30/2026	10/31/2026	<u>Schieffelin Point (Bunker Cove)</u> - All the shores and flats on the southeastern side of Schieffelin Point from the tip of Schieffelin Point to an unnamed point west of Hog Island/Freeman Point/ Bradley Point.	Closed
9/30/2025	6/30/2026	<u>Schieffelin Point (John Small Cove)</u> – All the shores and flats on the west side of Schieffelin Point from the Gouldsboro – Sullivan town line marked with an orange painted rock and tree in John Small Cove south to the west tip of Schieffelin Point.	Closed
6/30/2026	12/31/2026	<u>South Gouldsboro/Stave Island</u> – Inside and south of a line beginning at the north tip of Taft Point then southwest to the north tip of Stave Island; then heading south on the east and west side of the Island and meeting on the southernmost tip of Stave Island then southeast to the Gouldsboro-Winter Harbor town line, then north up the mainland to the north tip of Taft Point.	Closed
6/30/2026	12/31/2026	<u>Stave Island Bar</u> – Starts on the western side of the channel located between the mainland and the eastern tip of the Bar, including all flats to the extreme low water mark, heading west toward Stave Island, where the Bar meets the shore on Stave Island.	Closed
12/20/2015	Indefinite	<u>Birch Harbor</u> -(EJ, P6)- Northwest of a line beginning at the eastern tip of an unnamed point on the southwest shore of Birch Harbor located approximately 600 yards south-southeast of the Rt 186 bridge, then running northeast to another unnamed point on the north shore approximately 467 yards southeast of the Rt 186 bridge.	Closed
4/30/2026	12/31/2026	<u>Birch Harbor</u> - (EJ, CA1)- East of a line starting at the eastern tip of an unnamed point on the southwest shore of Birch Harbor located approx. 600 yards southeast of the Rt 186 bridge at the head of harbor, running northeast to another unnamed point on the north shore located approx. 467 yards southeast of the Rt.	Closed

		186 bridge; and northwest of a line beginning on the southeast tip of Prospect Harbor Point and extending approximately 2000 feet to an unnamed point of land on the south side of the mouth of Birch Harbor.	
4/30/2026	12/31/2026	<u>Prospect Harbor</u> – Starting at the Lighthouse located on the southern tip of Prospect Harbor Point, then running west to a red painted post located at Albee's Cottages. The area north of this line will be closed.	Closed
12/20/2015	Indefinite	<u>Prospect Harbor</u> -(EJ, P4)- west of a line beginning at the most southeastern tip of Pettees Point, running north to the USCG navigational aid "Gong 3" (east of Clarks Ledge): AND south and west of a line beginning at the USCG navigational aid "Gong 3" running northwest to an unnamed point on the west shore of Inner Harbor approximately 767 yards south of the mouth of Forbes Stream.	Closed
12/20/2015	Indefinite	<u>Sand Cove</u> -(EJ, P2)- West of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Sampson Pt. running southwest to the opposite shore forming the south side of an unnamed cove.	Closed
12/20/2015	Indefinite	<u>Corea Harbor</u> -(EJ, P3)- South and west of a line beginning at the east tip of Young's Point then running southeast to the west tip of Sheep Island and north of a line beginning at the west tip of Sheep Island, running southwest to the southern tip of an unnamed point of land forming the western mouth of Corea Harbor.	Closed
12/20/2015	Indefinite	<u>Shark Cove</u> -(EJ, P5)- Northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post at the northwest mouth of Shark Cove, then extending southeast to a red painted post on the southeast mouth of Shark Cove.	Closed
7/1/2024	Indefinite	<u>West Bay (EJ CA2)</u> - Northwest of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 200 yards southeast of the end of Justin Lane running northeast to the southwestern point of land at the end of Jonathans Landing Road.	Closed *
06/01/2022	Indefinite	<u>Sunday Digging</u> : All shores and flats in the town of Gouldsboro will be closed for shellfish harvest on <u>Sundays</u> between April 1 and October 31.	Closed **

* This conservation closure will automatically close when the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) closes pollution area EJ, CA2 due to rainfall. This conservation closure will automatically open when DMR pollution area EJ, CA2 returns to the conditionally approved status.

**After at least 3 consecutive days of a state rainfall closure that includes the whole Town of Gouldsboro, the following Sunday will be open to commercial harvest for that Sunday only. Regular town conservation closures will still apply on that day.

This office approves of the Town of Gouldsboro's conservation measures. We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed on your conservation activities. If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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