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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### This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced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 change to Area No. 64-A; this notice precautionarily closes Area No. 64-A (Stockton Springs to Machiasport) to the taking of mussels, surf/hen clams, razor clams, European oysters and carnivorous snails due to the risk of seasonal contamination by naturally occurring marine biotoxins. Exceptions to this closure are defined in the legal notice text and are subject to strict sampling requirements that ensure the safety of harvested product. An interactive map that allows the user to zoom in to specific areas can be found on the ME DMR website: [Shellfish Closures and Aquaculture Leases Map | Department of Marine Resources \(maine.gov\)](http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-closures). All other 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):

- A. Effective immediately, because of biotoxin, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any mussels, surf/hen clams (*Spisula solidissima* and *Mactromeris polynyma*), razor clams (*Ensis directus*), European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) or carnivorous snails from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

East of a line beginning at the southern tip of Cape Jellison (Stockton Springs) running south to the northeast tip of North Haven Island (North Haven); AND east and north of a line beginning at the easternmost tip of Mullen Head (North Haven) running southeast to the northeast tip of Babbidge Island (North Haven), then running southeast to the eastern tip of Saddleback Ledge (Vinalhaven), then running south to the limit of Maine territorial waters; AND west of a line drawn south from Point of Maine (Machiasport) to the limit of Maine territorial waters.

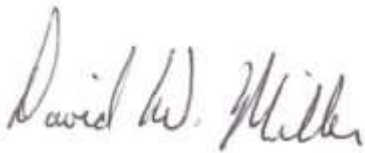
EXCEPTION 64-A-01: mussels and European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) may be harvested east of a line beginning at the southern tip of Cape Jellison (Stockton Springs) running south to the northeast tip of North Haven Island (North Haven); AND north and east of a line beginning at the easternmost tip of Mullen Head (North Haven) running southeast to the northeast tip of Babbidge Island (North Haven), then running southeast to the southern tip of Merchant Island (Isle Au Haut); AND north and west of a line beginning at the northern tip of Merchant Island running northeast to Sea Cove Head (Swans Island); AND west of a line beginning at North Point (Swans Island) running northeast to the southern tip of Lopaus Point (Tremont) ; AND north of a line beginning at the boat ramp in downtown Bar Harbor, then running northeast to the northern tip of Sheep Porcupine Island and northeast to the north tip of Burnt Porcupine Island and northeast to the southern shore of Bunkers Cove (South Gouldsboro).

EXCEPTION 64-A-02: mussels, European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and razor clams (*Ensis directus*) may be harvested north of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Hancock Point (Hancock) running northeast to the western tip of Bean Point (Sorrento).

EXCEPTION 64-A-03: mussels and European oysters may be harvested north of a line beginning at the southernmost tip of Ray Point (Milbridge) running southeast to the southern tip of Ripley Neck (Harrington), then southeast to the southern tip of Cape Split (Addison).

EXCEPTION 64-A-04: mussels, European oysters and razor clams (*Ensis directus*) may be harvested north and west of a line beginning at the eastern tip of Kelly Point (Jonesport) running northeast to the southern tip of Great Spruce Island (Jonesport); AND north and west of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Great Spruce Island running northeast to the southern tip of Cow Point (Roque Bluffs).

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: [Maine Growing Area Closures: Shellfish Area Inventory with Legal Notices and Maps | Department of Marine Resources](#). This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).



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