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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

May 5, 2026

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 EM, Ripley Neck (Ripley) to Cape Split (Addison). This notice reclassifies the inner portion of Mash Harbor (Addison) from Prohibited to seasonal Conditionally Approved and expands outer Mash Harbor seasonal Conditionally Approved area due to water quality not meeting approved standards year-round. 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. Pleasant River (Addison): north of a line beginning directly west of the north tip of Marsh Island (Addison) running east to the north tip of Marsh Island, then running directly east to the opposite shore.
- P2. Cape Split (Addison): north of a line starting at the south tip of Eastern Pitch and running northwest approximately 525 yards to the southern tip of an unnamed point.
- ~~P3. Mash Harbor (Addison): east of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the south shore of the cove approximately 300 yards from the head of the cove; then running north to a red painted post located on the north shore of the cove approximately 300 yards from the head of the cove.~~

Conditionally Approved (Rainfall, Seasonal): Effective immediately, because of intermittent pollution due to rainfall and season, 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 1" within a 24-hour period from September 1st through April 30th. Also because of seasonal pollution this area will be closed from May 1st through August 31st. For current status, please refer to the Statewide Conditional Area Closure Notice on the DMR website: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/closures>

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- CA1. Upper Pleasant River (Addison): South of a line beginning directly west of the north tip of Marsh Island (Addison) running east to the north tip of Marsh Island, then running directly east to the opposite shore; AND north of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Wass Point (Harrington) running east to the northwest tip of Reef Point (Addison).

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. ~~Mash Harbor (Addison): West of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the south shore of the cove approximately 300 yards from the head of the cove; then running north to a red painted post located on the north shore of the cove approximately 300 yards from the head of the cove; AND e~~East of a line beginning at southwest tip of the point at the end approximately 350 yards west of the intersection of Points Harbor Road (Addison) and Jimmy Clarks Road (Addison) running southwest to the ~~northern~~ northwest tip of Mary Look Point (Addison) (closed May 1st through September 30th).

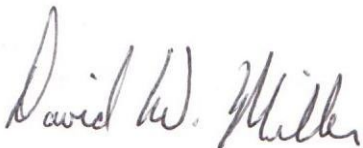
Approved: All other shores, flats and waters not described in the above sections are Approved and it is lawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, mussels or whole or roe-on scallops (from aquaculture leases with an MOU only) when in the open status. For current status, please refer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

<https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/shellfish-closures-and-aquaculture-leases-map>.

A. Growing Area EM.

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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(Effective Time)