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Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification – Notification of Changes

April 30, 2026

This notice is in effect until repealed or replaced.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 WL, East Cundy Point (Cundys Harbor) to Small Point (Phippsburg). This notice reclassifies the southern portion of the upper New Meadows Lake from Conditionally Approved to Approved due to water quality meeting the approved standard 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. Upper New Meadows Marsh (Brunswick, Bath): north of the Old Bath Road/Old Brunswick Road.
- P2. Northeast corner of Upper New Meadows Lake (West Bath): east of a line running south from the New Meadows Lake boat ramp, located on Old Brunswick Road, to a small, unnamed point of land, approximately 150 feet south of the boat ramp.
- P3. The New Meadows River (Brunswick and West Bath): south of a line beginning at the north tip of Rosedale Point (West Bath) then running southwest to a large stone and wood crib dock on the west shore (Brunswick); AND north of a line beginning at the southern end of Rosedale Point approximately 110 yards southwest from the end of Kings Point Rd then running northwest to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
- P4. Lower Mill Cove (West Bath): the area within a 200 yard radius from a point located on the shore approximately 65 yards east of the end of Happy Nook Road.
- P5. Laurel Point (Harpowell): south of a line beginning at the northern tip of Laurel Point, running southeast to the western most point of the northern tip of Long Island (Harpowell); AND north of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore east of the intersection of Laurel Point Circle and Laurel Shore road, running east to the opposite shore of Long Island (Harpowell).

- P6. Dingley Island (Harpowell): west of a line beginning at the end of Dingley Island Road, then running northeast to the southeast tip of the easternmost prominence of a small unnamed cove.
- P7. New Meadows River (Harpowell): south of the footbridge from the mainland to Hopkins Island; AND south and west of a line beginning at the south tip of Hopkins Island, then running northeast to the north tip of Sheep Island then running southeast to the east tip of Sheep Island, then running southwest to the south tip of Sheep Island, then continuing southwest to a red painted post located approximately 91 yards north of Fort Point.
- P8. Bear Island (Phippsburg): south of a line beginning at the northwest tip of Bear Island, then running southwest across the cove to the next most prominent point of land on the western shore of Bear Island.
- P9. New Meadows River (Phippsburg): south of a line beginning at the north tip of Malaga Island, then running due east to the mainland; AND east of a line beginning at the south tip of Malaga Island, then running southeast to the northwest tip of Harbor Island AND north of a line beginning at the south tip of Harbor Island, then running southeast to the point of land on the west side of Round Cove.
- P10. Burnt Coat Island, Little Wood Island (Phippsburg): south of a line beginning approximately 136 yards southwest from the end of Holland Drive running west to the north tip of Burnt Coat Island and continuing approximately 152 yards west of Burnt Coat Island; AND east of a line beginning approximately 152 yards west from north tip of Burnt Coat Island running south approximately 5152 yards west of the south tip of Burnt Coat Island; AND east of a line beginning at the south tip of Burnt Coat Island running south to the north tip of Carrying Place Head; AND northeast of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Carrying Place Head, then running southeast to the north tip of Little Wood Island; AND northwest of a line beginning at the north tip of Little Wood Island then running northeast to the south tip of Newbury Point.

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. Woodward Point (Brunswick): east of a line beginning at the central point on Woodward Point approximately 70 yards north of the northern tip of Upper Coombs Island running southeast to the northern tip of Iron Island; AND west of a line beginning at the easternmost tip of Woodward Point running southwest to the northern tip of Iron Island.
- R2. Upper New Meadows River (West Bath): east of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 275 yards southwest of Herons Reach Way running south to a red painted post approximately 110 yards west of Fosters Point Rd.
- R3. The New Meadows River (West Bath): south and east of a line beginning at the south side of the mouth of Dam Cove, then running southwest to the southern tip of Merritt Island; AND north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Merritt Island running east to a red painted post on the opposite shore.
- R4. Winnegance Bay (West Bath): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore at the end of Shoal Cove Road then running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

- R5. Round Cove (Phippsburg): north of a line beginning at the point of land at the end of Shell Ln running southeast to the opposite shore at the mouth of Round Cove.

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 1" 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. Upper New Meadows Lake (West Bath/Brunswick): ~~north of Route 1;~~ AND south of Old Bath Road; AND west of a line running south from the New Meadows Lake boat ramp, located on Old Brunswick Road, to a small, unnamed point of land, approximately 150 feet south of the boat ramp; and north of a line beginning at a red painted post at the end of Lakeside Drive running west to a red painted post on the opposite shore.

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:

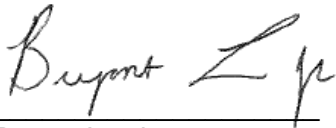
- CA2. New Meadows River (West Bath): south of the Central Maine Railroad trestle; AND north of a line beginning at the north tip of Rosedale Point (West Bath) then running southwest to a large stone and wood crib dock on the west shore (Brunswick) (Closed May 1st through November 15th).
- CA3. Doughty Cove (Harpwell): south of a line beginning at the northernmost tip of Doughty Point running east to southwest side of the Gurnet bridge (Closed June 1st through October 31st).
- CA4. Laurel Cove (Harpwell): south and west of a line beginning at Laurel Point running northwest to the end of Ledgeview Lane (Closed June 1st through August 31st).
- CA5. The Basin (Phippsburg): east of a line beginning at the westernmost tip of Basin Point running southwest to the southwestern mouth of The Basin at the end of Harrington Rd.; AND south of a line beginning at the tip of Thistle Point running southeast to the tip of the unnamed point approximately 140 yards from Thistle Point (Closed August 1st through September 30th).
- CA6. Tottman Cove (Phippsburg): north of a line beginning at the south tip of Newbury Point, then running northeast to the west tip of Flat Point (Closed July 1st through October 31st).
- CA7. Cape Small Harbor (Phippsburg): east of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore approximately 110 yards from Sprague Road, then running south to a red painted post on the opposite shore (Closed June 1st through July 31st).

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/closures>

A. Growing Area WL.

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



Bryant Lewis
Western Maine Growing Area Supervisor
Commissioner's Designee

10:00 AM
(Effective Time)