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Lewis Pinkham
PO Box 66
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Re: Conservation Closure(s)/Opening(s)

Dear Mr. Pinkham:

This is to acknowledge the following conservation closure/opening request(s). New requests are in **BOLD**.

Effective	End Date	Shellfish Area	Status
3/1/2026	1/1/2027	<u>Sinclair Cove</u> – All of Sinclair Cove	CLOSED
4/1/2026	12/1/2026	<u>Back Bay/Little Island/Wallace Cove</u> - Same line as DMR to the end of Petit Point. Starting on the North shore of Back Bay by the creek with the Milbridge FCC phone tower in the background. Run south passed the Back Bay Ledge to the end of Petit Point (44.554373 and -67.828641), running south to the center of the channel, running East in the center of the channel to an orange painted post by the cottage on the East shore of Wallace Cove.	CLOSED
12/1/2025	5/31/2026	<u>Factory Cove/Turner Cove</u> – Southeast of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Long Point running northeast to the southwest tip of Fickett Point; AND northwest of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Fickett Point running southeast to the northern tip of Turner Point. HARVEST LIMIT: Two bushel per day.	OPEN
6/1/2026	11/30/2026	<u>Factory Cove/Turner Cove</u> – Southeast of a line beginning at the northeast tip of Long Point running northeast to the southwest tip of Fickett Point; AND northwest of a line beginning at the southwest tip of Fickett Point running southeast to the northern tip of Turner Point (State Closure EL, CA2).	CLOSED

This office approves of the Town of Milbridge'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,

Benjamin Wahle
Nearshore Marine Resources Program Supervisor

cc: Heidi Leighton; Lt. Troy Dow, Marine Patrol Division II – Lamoine