

## **Massachusetts Oyster Recall Notice**

### **July 23, 2021**

Big Rock Oyster Co. (MA 10534 SS) has completed a recall of 12,000 individual oysters received from an unapproved source. Harvest of the recalled oysters occurred on two separate dates, 6/29/21 and 7/13/21. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) has determined that the recalled product was distributed to dealers and/or retailers in Massachusetts, New York and Florida. The recall was initiated on 7/15/21 and is now complete.

On 6/29/21 a total of 8500 oysters were harvested from growing area MA-SC19. 600 oysters from this harvest were shipped to Lockwood & Winant Seafood, Bronx, NY on 6/30/21 and were reported to Big Rock Oyster Co. as consumed. The remaining balance of 7900 were distributed in MA and were also reported to Big Rock Oyster Co. as consumed.

On 7/13/21 a total of 3500 oysters were harvested from growing area MA-SC19. On 7/14/21 800 oysters were shipped to Samuels & Son Seafood in FL, and 500 to Schneider's Seafood & Meats, Cheektowaga, NY. The remaining 2,200 oysters were distributed in MA. The FL and NY firms reported to Big Rock Oyster Co. that the entire shipments were destroyed upon receipt. The oysters distributed in MA were reported to Big Rock as being either destroyed or consumed.

MDPH has determined that all oysters were harvested in compliance with the requirements of the 2021 Massachusetts Vibrio Control Plan. No illnesses associated with the recalled oysters have been reported to MDPH. Should additional information suggest further distribution of oysters from an unapproved source or reported illnesses, MDPH will immediately notify the ISSC, FDA and the receiving states.

Please contact Eric Hickey, at the MDPH Food Protection Program, [eric.hickey@mass.gov](mailto:eric.hickey@mass.gov) or 617-983-6774, if you have any questions or require further information.