

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES 21 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0021

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COMMISSIONER

## Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

September 28, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 64-B, Machiasport to Calais; this notice closes all of Cobscook Bay and the eastern shore of Washington County from Calais to West Quoddy Head (Lubec) to the harvest of clams due to the risk of contamination by naturally occurring marine biotoxin (ASP). This notice also reinstates the regional mussel closure due to the risk of contamination by naturally occurring marine biotoxin (ASP). 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):

A. Effective immediately, because of naturally occurring marine biotoxins, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any mussels or carnivorous snails from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

East of a line drawn south from Point of Maine (Machiasport) to the limit of U.S. jurisdiction; AND west of the U.S./Canadian border to the limit of U.S. jurisdiction.

EXCEPTION 64-B-02: north of a line beginning at the south tip of Cape Wash (Cutler) running northeast to an unnamed point of land the opposite shore at the intersection of Sea Ledges Rd and Little Machias Rd.

South of a line beginning at the south shore of Lewis Cove (Perry), running east to the US/Canadian border; AND north of a line beginning at West Quoddy Head (Lubec) running east to the US/Canadian border.

B. Effective immediately, because of naturally occurring marine biotoxins, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:

South of a line beginning at the south shore of Lewis Cove (Perry), running east to the US/Canadian border; AND North of a line beginning at West Quoddy Head (Lubec) running east to the US/Canadian border; AND west of the US/Canadian border.

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: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html">http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html</a>. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

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