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David H. Carey
Director

December 3, 2020

Westport Weston Health District
Marc A. R. Cooper, MPH, RS; Director of Health
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RE: Reclassification of shellfish growing areas in Westport, CT

Mr. Cooper,

The Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture is required to reevaluate shellfish growing area classifications in the State on an annual basis, in order to accurately reflect the appropriate designated use of the area and remain in compliance with the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP).

The following shellfish growing areas in Westport are being reclassified effective December 31, 2020:

- A portion of the Westport Approved and Conditionally Approved areas off of the Saugatuck River has been reclassified as Conditionally Approved. The bacteriological water quality at the stations monitoring this area no longer meet fecal coliform standards for an Approved shellfish growing area. These stations meet Approved standards operating with a 1.0 inch rainfall trigger under the conditions when the area would be open for harvest;
- A portion of the Westport Approved area between Sherwood Point and Frost Point has been downgraded to Conditionally Approved. The bacteriological water quality at the stations monitoring this area no longer meet fecal coliform standards for an Approved shellfish growing area. These stations meet Approved standards operating with a 1.5 inch rainfall trigger under the conditions when the area would be open for harvest. The area monitored by these stations will included in the Westport portion of the Darien-Norwalk-Westport Conditionally Approved area #1.

For additional information on the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) requirements for classifying shellfish growing areas please see the NSSP Model Ordinance Chapter IV. Shellfish Growing Areas@.02 Microbiological Standards and @.03 Growing Area Classification.

<https://www.fda.gov/media/143238/download>

These changes become effective December 31, 2020. A legal notice has been written which will be placed in the local newspaper announcing this change. A copy of the written description of the current classifications and all relevant maps are attached. Copies of the new classification descriptions for the shellfish growing areas in Westport are being provided to the United States Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the Town Clerk of Westport.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Sincerely,

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CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH GROWING WATERS OF WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

Effective 12/31/20

PROHIBITED:

Bermuda Lagoon: That area of Bermuda Lagoon extending from the point of land at the end of Surf Road west to the southernmost point of land at entrance to Covelee Drive Boat Basin.

Mill Creek: All tidal waters and flats of Mill Creek.

New Creek: All tidal waters and flats of New Creek north of Burial Hill Beach.

Saugatuck River, Westport: That area of the Saugatuck River north of a line extending from the southwest tip of Stony Point south east to Hendricks Point

Saugatuck River, Westport: That area of the Saugatuck River north of a line extending from Hendricks Point southeast to the southwestern tip of Owenoke Point, thence southeast to the demarcation sign at the northern breakwater at Compo Beach.

Saugatuck River, Westport: Cedar Point Yacht Club enclosed by a line extending from the northwest tip of Bluff Point south west to land east of Marina Avenue at N41 05.95 W73 22.23.

Saugatuck River, Westport: Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club (Duck Creek) enclosed by a line at the marina harbor entrance and the juncture of the Saugatuck River.

RESTRICTED:

Saugatuck River, Westport: All tidal waters and flats of the Saugatuck River, Westport, north of a straight line commencing from N41 06.44 W 73 22.09 extending south west to land at N41 06.00 W 73 22.39 excluding those areas described as "Prohibited."

Sherwood Mill Pond, Westport: All waters north of a line extending from the intersection of Compo Road South and Hills Point Road to Sherwood Point.

RESTRICTED (continued):

Burial Hill Beach, Westport: This area includes all waters enclosed by a line commencing on land at the Fairfield-Westport town boundary line (N4107.190 W73 18.010), thence south along the Fairfield-Westport town boundary line to its intersection with the southern boundary line of the Connecticut State Natural Bed (N41 06.725 W73 18.010), thence west along the southern boundary line of the Connecticut State Natural Bed to its intersection with the northwest corner of state shellfish lease bed 379 (N41 06.72 W73 18.54), thence southwest to the State-Town jurisdiction line at N41 06.41 W73 20.04, thence north to Sherwood Point.

CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED:

Saugatuck River, Westport: All tidal waters and flats of the Saugatuck River, Westport, north of a straight line commencing from the southeastern extremity of Seymour Point northeasterly to the southern extremity of Cedar Point excluding those areas described as "Restricted" or "Prohibited."

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED:

Conditionally Approved Area #1 Darien-Norwalk-Westport - 1.5" Rainfall Trigger Westport CA #1 East:

All waters enclosed by a line beginning at Cedar Point (N41 06.097 W73 21.160) continuing northeast along Compo Beach to the Demarcation Sign (N41 06.483 W73 20.803), thence easterly to the southernmost point of Sherwood Point, thence south along lot 1030 NE to its southwest corner, thence northeasterly along the northern line of lot 609W, lot 609E, and lot 455 to the northeast corner of lot 455, then east along the northern line of lot 379WD and lot 379WA to the Westport-Fairfield Town Boundary line, thence south along the town boundary line to the southeast corner of lot 379WA, thence west to the southwest corner of lot 379WD, thence south to the northeast corner of lot 624, thence southeasterly along the northern line of lot 624 to its northwest corner, then west to the southeast corner of lot 1040 (N41 06.106 W73 20.351), thence south westerly to the southwest corner of lot 1040 (N41 06.106 W73 20.351), thence westerly to the point of beginning at Cedar Point.

Conditionally Approved Area #1 Darien-Norwalk-Westport – 1.5” Rainfall Trigger, Westport portion CA #1

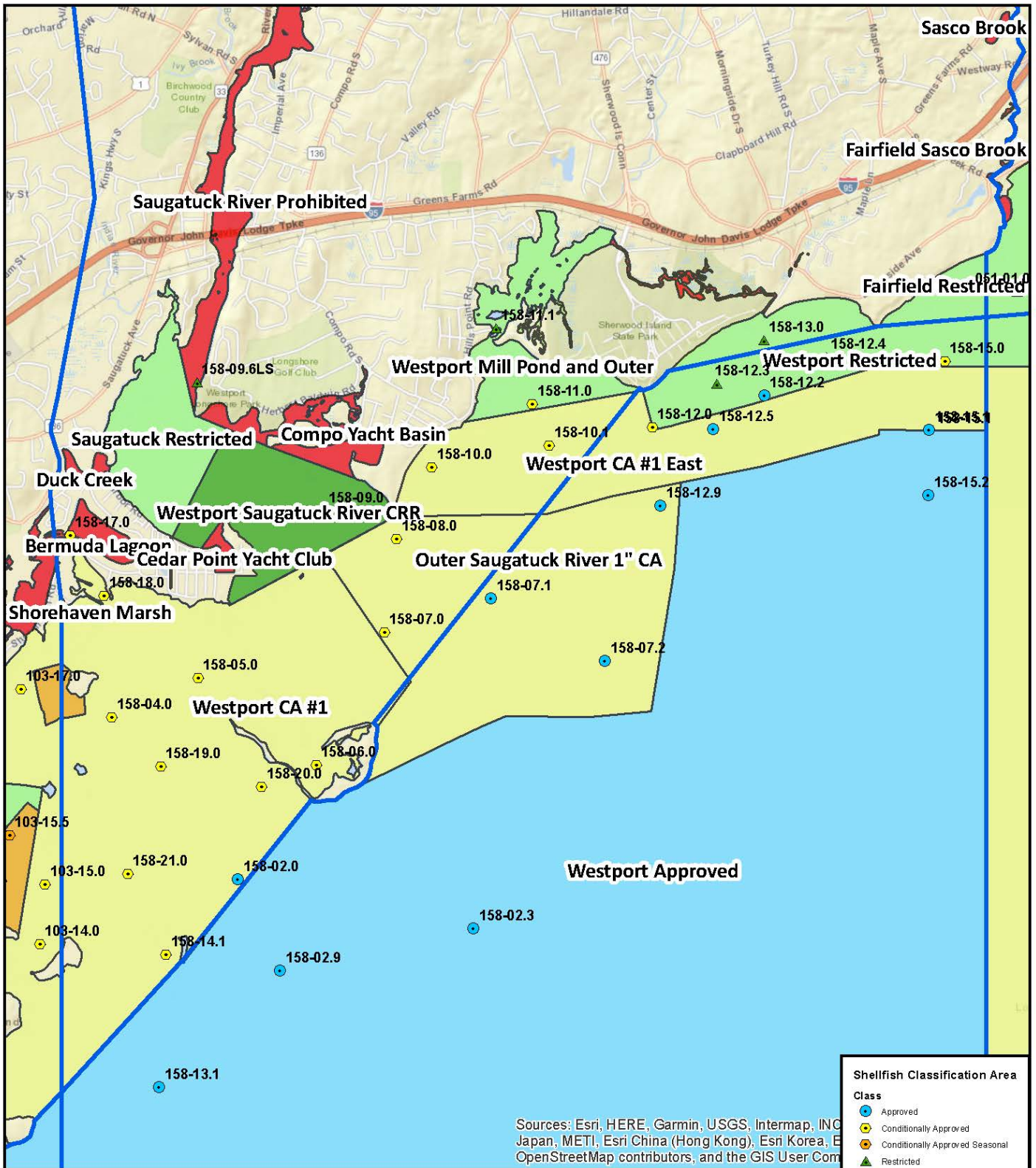
All waters enclosed by a straight line beginning at Seymour Point, east to the navigational buoy C “5” (N41 05.928 W73 21.568), thence southeasterly to the southwest corner of lot 372 (N41 05.409 W73 21.084), thence southwesterly to the northeast most point of Cockenoe Island (N41 05.228 W73 21.264), then south along the shore to the southeastern extremity of Cockenoe Island, thence southwesterly to the southern extremity of Goose Island, Westport, thence southwesterly towards Cops Island, Norwalk, to the intersection with the Westport-Norwalk boundary line, thence due north along the Westport-Norwalk boundary line to the westernmost point of Sprite Island, Westport, thence due north along the Westport-Norwalk boundary line to the mainland, thence continuing east along shore back to Seymour Point.

Conditionally Approved Area Outer Saugatuck River – 1.0” Rainfall Trigger:

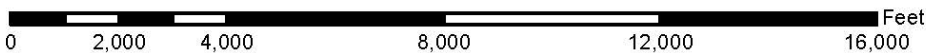
All waters, enclosed on the north by a straight line beginning at the navigational buoy C “5” (N41 05.928 W73 21.568) northeasterly to Cedar Point (N41 06.097 W73 21.160) east to the southwest corner of L1040 (N41 06.106 W73-20.351), thence northeasterly to the southwest corner of L1040 (N41 06.247 W73 19.163), thence south to the southeast corner of L612N (N41 05.883 W73 19.652), thence southwesterly to N41 05.293 W73 19.775, thence southwesterly to the southeastern extremity of Cockenoe Island (N41 04.985 W73 21.346) thence north along the eastern shore of Cockenoe Island, then north along the shore to the northeast extremity of Cockenoe Island (N41 05.228 W73 21.084), thence northwesterly to the point of beginning at navigational buoy C “5.”

APPROVED AREAS:

Those waters within the Westport town boundary lines, exclusive of those areas classified as Prohibited, Restricted, Conditionally Restricted, or Conditionally Approved.



CT Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture
Westport, CT



Date: 11/20/2020



Shellfish Classification Area

Class

- Approved
- Conditionally Approved
- Conditionally Approved Seasonal
- ▲ Restricted
- ▲ Conditionally Restricted
- ▲ Prohibited

Classification

- Approved
- Conditionally Approved
- Conditionally Approved Seasonal
- Conditionally Restricted-Relay
- Restricted-Relay
- Prohibited

— Town_Line