



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUREAU OF AQUACULTURE

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Darien Health Department, Director of Health  
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**RE: Reclassification of shellfish growing areas in Darien, CT**

Mr. Knauff,

The Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture (DoAG) is required to reevaluate shellfish growing area classifications in the State on an annual basis, 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 DoAG has completed the 2021 Triennial Assessment for the Town of Darien, Water Quality Data and Pollution Source Evaluation for the period 01/01/2019 through 12/31/2021 and has completed an analysis of data for the 2020 to 2022 reporting period.

Based on these assessments, the following shellfish growing areas in Darien are reclassified effective March 13, 2023:

- A portion of the waters in the lower portion of the Goodwives River are reclassified from Conditionally Restricted to Restricted Relay. This change is Administrative.
- The Long Neck Point 1.5" Conditionally Approved Area is reclassified as Approved due to improvements in water quality.
- The Approved waters of Outer Scotts Cove are reclassified as Conditionally Approved with a 1.5" rainfall trigger. This reclassification is based upon a decline in water quality.
- The Cookes Ground Conditionally Approved Seasonal area closure is being lifted and the rainfall trigger and closure time frame has been adjusted based on improvements in water quality during the open time-frame. Cookes Ground will operate with a 1.5" rainfall trigger and will be seasonally open between November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, annually.

For additional information on the 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/food/federalstate-food-programs/national-shellfish-sanitation-program-nssp>

These changes become effective March 13, 2023. A legal notice has been 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 Darien are being provided to the United States Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Darien Town Clerk, and the Chief of Police.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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## CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH GROWING AREAS DARIEN, CONNECTICUT EFFECTIVE: 3/13/23

### **PROHIBITED AREAS:**

**Holly Pond/Cove Harbor:** That area north and east of a line extending from the demarcation sign at the stone jetty at the southeastern end of Cove Island (East Beach, Stamford) to the southwest point of Nash Island (Pratt Island Two, Darien), inclusive of the Darien waters of Holly Pond.

**Goodwives River North:** That area of the Darien River north of a line extending from the southernmost point of Nash Island (Pratt Island Two) due east to land on Long Neck Point (-73° 28.83' W and 41° 02.42' N).

**Scotts Cove North:** That area of Scotts Cove landward of a line extending from the northernmost extremity of Great Island to the southern point of the small island south of Delafield Island, thence east to the rock north of the tip of Contentment Island (point -73° 27.64' W and 41° 03.42' N), thence southerly to the northeast extremity of Contentment Island.

**Five Mile River:** The Darien waters of the Five Mile River encompassing the area north of a line from the southernmost point of Butler Island, Darien, extending easterly to the southernmost extremity of Roton Point, Norwalk.

### **RESTRICTED RELAY AREAS:**

**Goodwives River South (inclusive of Mooring Area):** That portion of the Goodwives/Darien River enclosed by a line extending from the southernmost tip of Nash Island (Pratt Island Two) due east to land at Long Neck Point (-73° 28.83' W and 41° 02.42' N), thence continuing along the shoreline to the southernmost tip of Long Neck Point, thence due south to the southeast corner of Lot 1252 North, thence west along the southern line of Lot 1252 North and Lot 1272, thence southwesterly along the northwest border of Lot 218 to the Stamford Shellfish Area Town Line, thence northeasterly to the point of origin.

**Scotts Cove:** That area of Scotts Cove enclosed by a line extending from the northernmost extremity of Great Island to the southern point of the small island south of Delafield Island, thence east to the rock north of the tip of Contentment Island (point -73° 27.64' W and 41° 03.42' N), thence southerly to the northeast extremity of Contentment Island, thence west to the point of origin.

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**CONDITIONALLY APPROVED AREAS:**

Scotts Cove Conditionally Approved Area – 1.5” Rainfall Trigger: The waters enclosed by a line extending from the northernmost extremity of Great Island east to the northeast extremity of Contentment Island, thence southerly along the western shore of Contentment Island to Colyer Point, thence southwesterly to the southeastern tip of Great Island, at the mouth of Ziegler’s Cove.

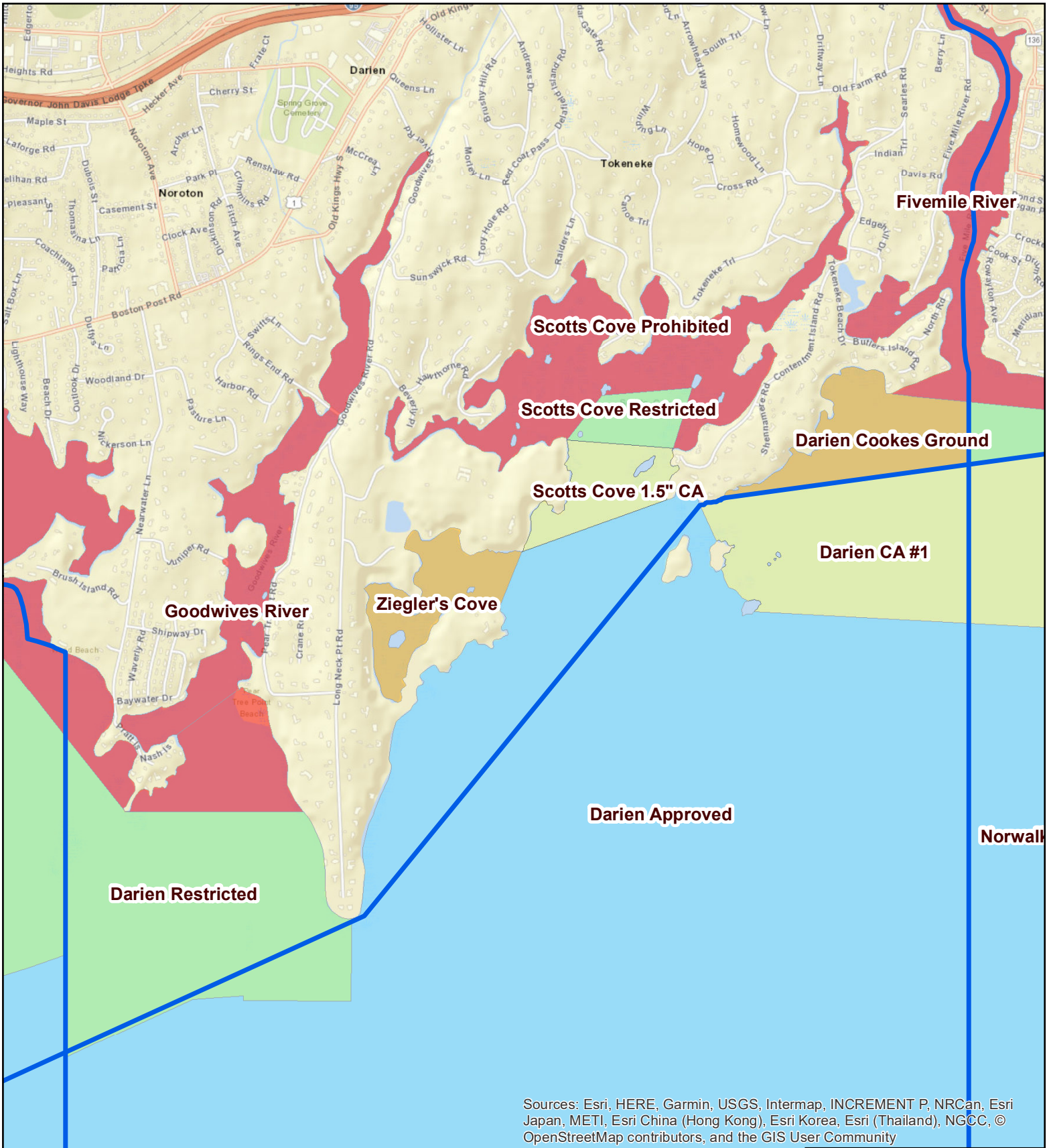
Conditionally Approved Area #1, Darien-Norwalk-Westport - 1.5" Rainfall Trigger, Darien Portion: All waters, exclusive of those classified as Prohibited or Restricted-Relay for the harvesting of shellfish, enclosed by a line beginning at the southern extremity of Contentment Island running south to the north western point of Fish Island north, thence east and south along the eastern shore of Fish Island North to its southern extremity, then southerly to  $-73^{\circ} 27.5185' W$  and  $41^{\circ} 2.9508' N$ , then southeast to the northwest point of Fish Island South running east along its northern shore, then south along its eastern shore , thence east to the Norwalk town boundary.

Conditionally Approved Seasonal Area Cooke’s Ground, 1.5" Rainfall Trigger: Darien Town ground known as Cooke’s Ground is described as all waters enclosed by a line beginning at the southern extremity of Butler’s Island and extending along the eastern shore of Contentment Island to the southern extremity of Contentment Island, thence in a north-easterly direction to a point on the Darien/Norwalk town jurisdiction line ( $-73^{\circ} 26.780' W$  and  $41^{\circ} 03.240' N$ ), thence north along the jurisdiction line to the “N4” navigational buoy, thence back to the point of origin.

Ziegler’s Cove Conditionally Approved Seasonal Mooring Area, 3.0” Rainfall Trigger: all waters west of a line extending from the northeast extremity of Hay Island north to the southeast extremity of Great Island.

**APPROVED AREAS:**

Those waters within Darien, exclusive of those areas classified by the DA/BA as Prohibited, Restricted, or Conditionally Approved.

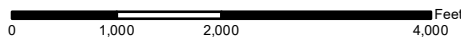


**Darien**

Classification Effective Date:

3/13/2023

Map Date: 3/7/2023



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