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February 27, 2023

Milford Health Department
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RE: Reclassification of shellfish growing areas in Milford, CT

Deepa Joseph,

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 area in Milford was reclassified effective January 1, 2023:

- A portion of the waters off of the Milford Gulf in Milford are reclassified from Approved to Conditionally Approved based on the bacteriological water sample results of the 2020-2022 reporting period that show the area no longer meets the fecal coliform standard for an Approved shellfish growing area.

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/food/federalstate-food-programs/national-shellfish-sanitation-program-nssp>

These changes became effective January 1, 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 Milford are being provided to the United States Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the Milford Town Clerk.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH GROWING AREAS MILFORD, CONNECTICUT EFFECTIVE: 1/1/23

PROHIBITED AREAS:

Milford Harbor: All waters of Milford Harbor, Wepawaug River, Gulf Pond north of the Buckingham Avenue Bridge, and Indian River north of a line extending from the southwestern part of Burns Point (end of breakwater) easterly to lighted beacon "10" at the entrance of Milford Harbor, exclusive of the Gulf Pond South.

Calf Pen Creek: The tidal waters and flats of Calf Pen Creek, Milford to its mouth, thence 528 feet westerly along Bayview Beach, thence 1406 feet southeasterly, thence 1523 feet northeasterly to the shore, thence westerly 940 feet to the mouth of Calf Pen Creek.

Housatonic River: That area north of a line from the lighthouse at Stratford Point, Stratford, extending northeast to lighted beacon "2A" on the outer breakwater, thence northwesterly to the southwestern most part of Milford Point, Milford.

Oyster River: All waters north of the bridge crossing the Oyster River on New Haven Avenue.

Dredged Materials Disposal Site: The dredged materials disposal site located approximately four (4) miles southeast of the Housatonic River breakwater and that area enclosed by a line extending 1,000 feet around the site.

RESTRICTED RELAY AREAS:

Gulf Pond South: All waters south and west of the Buckingham Avenue Bridge extending southwestern to the Gulf Street Bridge.

Milford Restricted West: All waters west of a line extending from the demarcation sign located at Cedar Beach (intersection of Milford Point Road and Seaview Avenue) extending to the southwestern corner of L-313, thence easterly along the southern boundary of L-313, thence northeasterly along the western boundary of L-393 to the northeast corner of L-313, thence southeasterly to the northwest corner of L-376W, thence south along the eastern border of L-690 and L-691 to the southeast corner of L-691, thence southeasterly to the southwest corner of L-507, thence south on a southeasterly bearing to the Milford-West Haven jurisdiction line to 41 06.610N 72 59.190W, thence south easterly to the intersection of the Milford-West Haven jurisdiction line and then south to the Connecticut-New York State boundary line, thence westerly along this boundary line to the intersection of the Milford-Stratford and New York-Connecticut State boundary lines, thence northerly along the Milford-Stratford town line to the intersection of the shellfish classification line at the Stratford Point Light which extends to lighted beacon "2A", exclusive of Prohibited areas.

CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH GROWING AREAS
MILFORD, CONNECTICUT
1/1/23

RESTRICTED RELAY AREAS:

Milford Gulf: The tidal waters and flats of the Gulf, north of and enclosed by a line extending along the Charles Island Bar from the mainland to the southern extremity of Charles Island, thence in a northeasterly direction to the southern extremity of Welches Point, Milford.

Merwin Beach-Oyster River: All waters north of a line extending from the point of land at Morningside along the Town jurisdiction line to the western border of shellfish lot 601W, thence southeasterly to the southwest corner of lot 601W, thence northeasterly to the West Haven Town line, exclusive of the "Prohibited" area of the Oyster River.

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED AREAS:

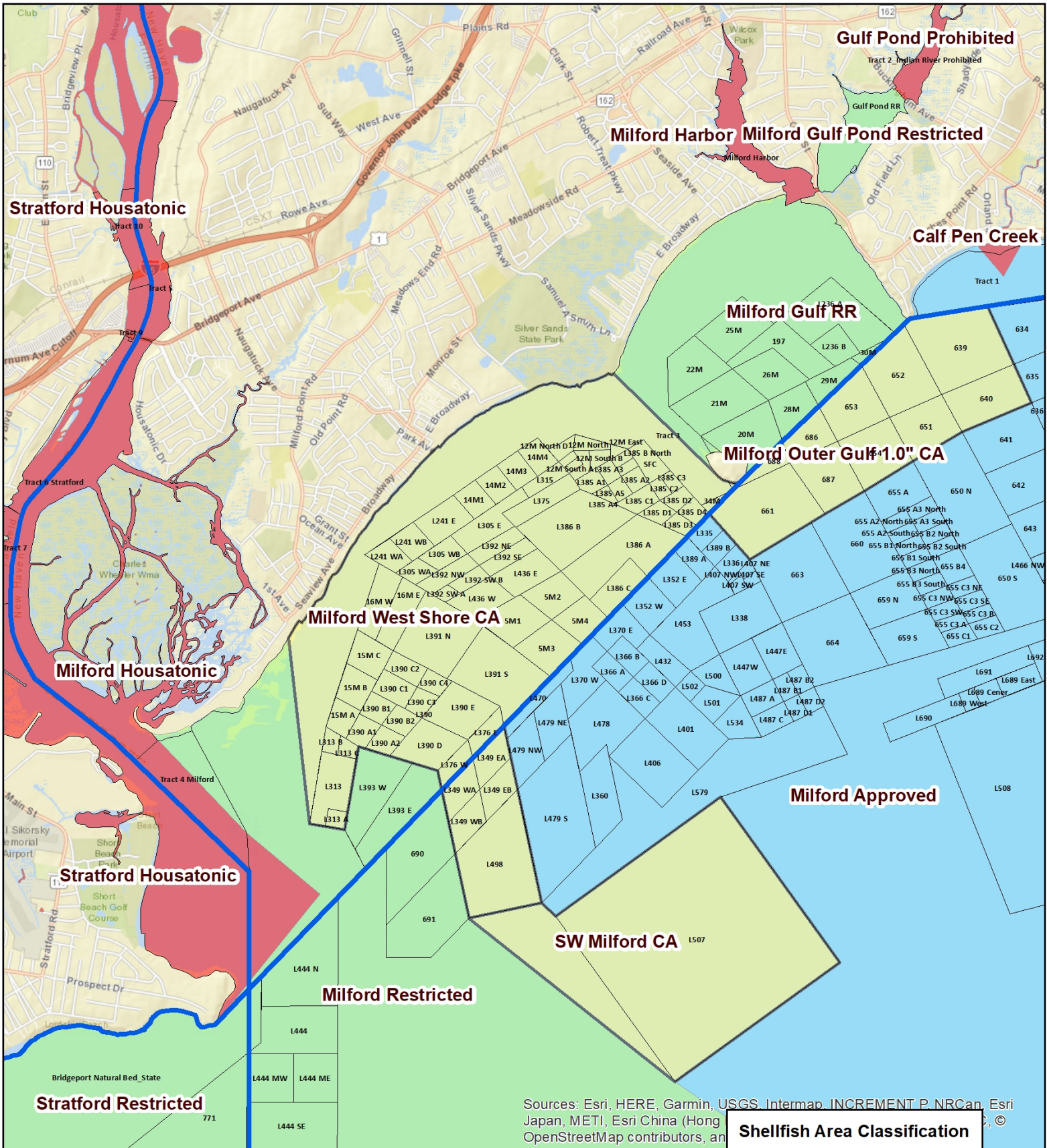
South West Milford: All waters enclosed by a line extending from the southwest corner of L-498 easterly along the southern border of L-498 to its southeast corner, thence southerly to the northeast corner of L-507, thence northeasterly to the west corner of L-507, thence northeasterly along its northern border to the north corner, thence southeast along the eastern border of L-507 to its eastern corner, thence southwesterly to the southern corner of L-507, thence northwesterly to the point of origin. The South West Milford Conditionally Approved area includes the entirety of commercial lot L-507.

Milford West Shore: All waters enclosed by a line extending from the Cedar Beach Demarcation Sign (41 10.740N 73 05.770W) south to the southwest corner of L-313, easterly along the southern border of L-313, thence northerly to the northeast corner of L-313 continuing to the northwest corner of L-393, thence southeast along the northern border of L-393 to the northeast corner of L-376W, thence southerly to the southwest corner of L-498, extending easterly along its southern border to the southeast corner, thence northerly to the northeast corner of L-349 EA, thence continuing northeast along the state-town jurisdiction line to the southernmost point of land on Charles Island, thence north along the Charles Island sandbar to the demarcation sign at Silver Sands Beach, thence southeasterly along the western shore of Milford to the point of origin.

Milford Outer Gulf: all waters enclosed by a line extending from the southern extremity of Charles Island northeasterly to the southern extremity of Welches Point, thence easterly along the northern border of L-639 to its north east corner, thence southeasterly along the eastern borders of L-639 and L640 to the south east corner of L-640, thence southwesterly along its southern border, continuing along the southern borders of Lots 651, 654, 687, and 661, thence northwesterly along the western border of L-661 to the state-town jurisdiction line, thence northeasterly to the point of origin.

APPROVED AREAS:

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



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Swatch, Bing, OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

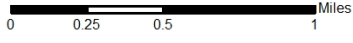
Shellfish Area Classification

- Town_Line
- Shellfish Beds
- Classification**
- Approved
- Conditionally Approved
- Conditionally Approved Seasonal
- Conditionally Restricted-Relay
- Restricted-Relay
- Prohibited



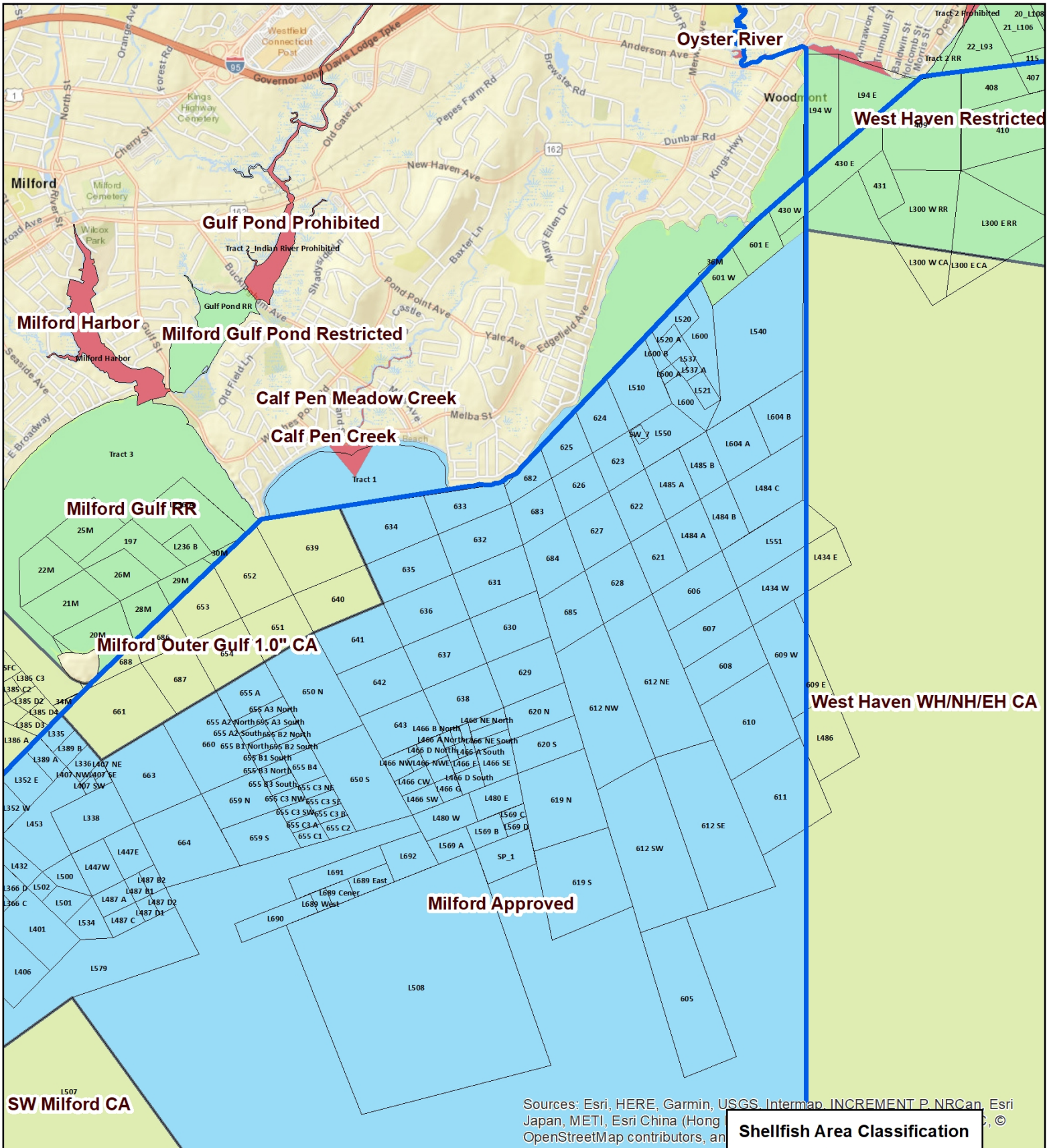
Milford 1

Classification Effective Date:
1/1/2023
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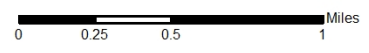
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