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February 5, 2024

Stamford Health Department, Director of Health
Jody Bishop-Pullan, RDH, BS, MPH
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RE: Reclassification of shellfish growing areas in Stamford, CT

Ms. Bishop-Pullan,

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 2022 Annual Assessment Report for the City of Stamford, covering the period 01/01/2020 through 12/31/2022.

Based on the Annual Assessment, the following shellfish growing area in Stamford was reclassified effective January 1, 2024:

- The waters of outer Cove Harbor are reclassified from Restricted to Approved. This change is based on bacterial water quality improvements.

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 became effective January 1, 2024. 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 Stamford are being provided to the United States Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the Stamford Town Clerk.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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LEGAL NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2024 pursuant to Section 26-192e of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture changed the shellfish classifications in Stamford waters. The waters of outer Cove Harbor are reclassified as Approved.

For further details and descriptions, contact the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture.

Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Aquaculture
(203) 874-0696

Dated at Milford, Connecticut, this 29th day of January 2024.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

David H. Carey, Director
For Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt



CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH GROWING AREAS

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

EFFECTIVE: 1/1/2024

PROHIBITED AREAS (WEST TO EAST):

Tomac Cove: All waters in the Tomac Cove inlet south of Shore Road to the confluence with Long Island Sound. The boundary line with Long Island Sound is defined by 63 Binney Lane (41.023055, -73.554481) northeasterly to 130 Cummings Point Road (41.023864, -73.5534).

Dolphin Cove: All waters in the Dolphin Cove inlet south of Top Gallant Road to the confluence with Long Island Sound. The boundary line with Long Island Sound is defined by the dock off 96 Cummings Point Road (41.025591, -73.552256) east to the beach off Dolphin Cove Quay (41.025672, -73.550149).

Stamford Harbor: All waters in the Stamford Harbor west branch from Richmond Hill Avenue, just north of the I-95 crossing; and the Stamford Harbor east branch from Jefferson Street, just south of the I-95 crossing; south to the boundary line defined by the dock off Cook Road (41.031045, -73.54304) southeasterly to the Stamford Yacht Club at 97 Ocean Drive West (41.029321, -73.530392). The Prohibited area includes waters around Jack Island.

Cummings Municipal Marina/Halloween Basin: All waters in the Halloween Basin inlet to the confluence with Long Island Sound. The boundary line with Long Island Sound is defined by West Beach (41.03769, -73.522284) east to Cummings Park Beach (41.038509, -73.520618). The Prohibited area includes the Halloween Yacht Club, Seaview House Marina, and Marina Bay.

Vincent Island: All waters bounded by the southwestern tip of Vincent Island (41.03397, -73.512146); extending eastward to the southern-most tip of Greenway Island (41.034553, -73.505473); northward along the entirety of the western side of Greenway Island to Wallacks Drive, connecting Greenway Island to the mainland (41.038291, -73.50774); and subsequently following the northern rock outcroppings along Vincent Island back to the southwestern tip of Vincent Island.

Holly Pond: The Stamford-Darien jurisdiction line splits Holly Pond. All waters enclosed by Holly Pond at the Route 1 crossing; south to Cove Island, where the Prohibited area splits southeasterly and southwesterly; the southeastern boundary is defined by the line from 76 Wallacks Drive (41.040222, -73.506782) northeasterly to the southern tip of Cove Island (41.042124, -73.502031); and the southwestern boundary is defined by a line from the southeastern end of Cove Island (Cove Beach North) (41.047047, -73.497022) southeasterly to the southwestern tip of Pratt Island Two (41.040296, -73.489807).

PROHIBITED AREAS (CONTINUED) (WEST TO EAST):

The Western Long Island Sound Dredged material disposal sites/Dumping grounds: The disposal site and the area 1,000 feet around, as defined by the rectangle bounded by 41.005972, -73.504608, southeasterly to 40.990359, -73.484752 (in Darien jurisdictional waters), southwesterly to 40.96194, -73.520038 (in State of New York jurisdictional waters), northwesterly to 40.97772, -73.540123 (back in Stamford jurisdictional waters), and northeasterly back to the original coordinate.

RESTRICTED AREAS (WEST TO EAST):

Stamford Restricted, west of Shippan Point: All waters bounded by the Greenwich-Stamford jurisdictional line at the beach off 35 Binney Lane (41.020555, -73.556052); south along the jurisdiction line at the Ford A East Bed (41.016451, -73.555988); southeasterly to the L619N bed (41.011601, -73.539218); southeasterly near the boundary of L667 bed (41.003971, -73.523485); then northeasterly back to the mainland at 2285 Shippan Avenue (41.02134, -73.52174); then southwesterly along the shoreline to the point at 123 Saddle Rock Road (41.017129, -73.52995); northwesterly to the point off Davenport Drive (41.02591, -73.545027); then southwesterly along the shoreline, not inclusive of the Tomac Cove and Dolphin Cove Prohibited areas previous defined, back to the original coordinate.

Westcott Cove/Cove Harbor Restricted: All waters bounded by 100 Sea Beach Drive (41.030061, -73.517002); southeasterly to the boundary of beds 2T W and 8D W (41.02949, -73.510546); northeasterly to the boundary of beds 7D E and 9D E (41.032318, -73.497203); north along the 7D E bed boundary (41.033365, -73.497622); northeasterly to the Stamford-Darien jurisdiction line (41.034597, -73.492741); then directly north to the intersection with the Holly Pond Prohibited line (41.043139, -73.49284); northwesterly along the Restricted Relay-Prohibited line to Cove Island (Cove Beach North) (41.047047, -73.497022); thence southwesterly along the Cove Island shoreline to the southern tip (41.042124, -73.502031); thence southwesterly to 76 Wallacks Drive (41.040222, -73.506782); thence directly along the shoreline, around the eastern side of Greenway Island, and around the Vincent Island Prohibited area; thence directly along the shoreline in a southwesterly direction around Westcott Cove to the original coordinate.

CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED AREAS:

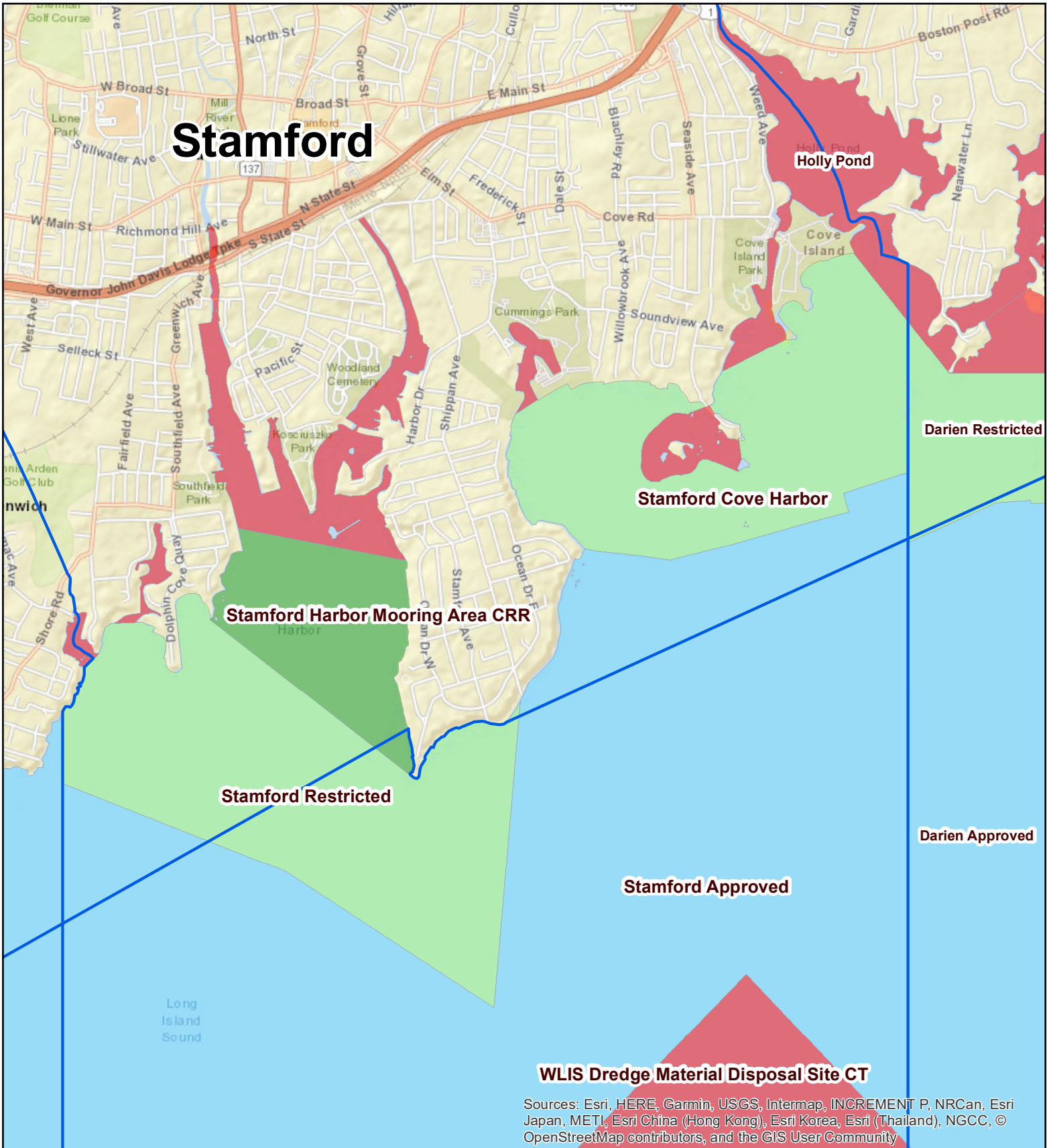
Stamford Harbor Mooring Area: All waters, exclusive of those previously defined as the Stamford Harbor Prohibited area, from the boundary defined by the point off Davenport Drive (41.025835, -73.545046) southeasterly to 123 Saddle Rock Road (41.017129, -73.52995).

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED AREAS:

There are no Conditionally Approved growing areas in Stamford.

APPROVED AREAS:

The Long Island Sound waters within Stamford, exclusive of those areas classified by the DoAG as Prohibited, Restricted, Conditionally Restricted, or Conditionally Approved.

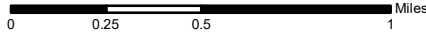


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Stamford

Classification Effective Date:
1/1/2024
Map Date: 1/30/2024



Map not intended for navigation

Shellfish Area Classification

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

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