

Shellfish Area Classification

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All shellfish growing areas are classified in accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance (NSSP-MO). These classifications, established to minimize health risks, may restrict the taking and use of shellfish from some areas. No freshwater areas are classified for the harvesting of shellfish.

Any shellfish area, regardless of classification, may be temporarily closed to all activities when a potential public health emergency exists as a result of a storm event, flooding, sewage, chemical, or petroleum discharges, or a [harmful algal bloom](#).

Here are links to various state shellfish areas:

Maine: <https://www.maine.gov/dmr/fisheries/shellfish/nearshore-marine-resources-program/general-shellfish-ordinance-information/general-town-shellfish-information>

New Hampshire: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/CoastalAtlas/Shellfish_Map.html

Massachusetts: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/shellfish-classification-areas>

Rhode Island: <https://dem.ri.gov/environmental-protection-bureau/water-resources/research-monitoring/shellfish-area-monitoring>

Connecticut: <https://portal.ct.gov/doag/aquaculture1/aquaculture/shellfish-area-classifications--maps>

New York: <https://nysdec.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d98abc91849f4ccf8c38dbb70f8a0042>

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