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****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

The State of Maine has "CLOSED"
the coast of Maine to all shellfish
as of 12:01PM EST on Sunday, August, 28, 2011.

It will be unlawful to dig, take or possess any
clams, quahogs, oysters and mussels
from ALL shores, flats and territorial waters of the
State of Maine, from the New Hampshire border to
the US/Canadian border.

The Department has adopted flood closure # 500, which will close the coast of Maine to all shellfish harvest as of **12:01 PM EST on Sunday, August 28, 2011**. This is due to pollution expected from heavy rainfall and coastal flooding caused by Hurricane Irene. Text of rule follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

TITLE & TEXT OF RULE: DMR Chapter 95.11 Area No. 500, Coastal Maine

Effective as of 12:01PM EST on Sunday, August 28, 2011, because of pollution expected from heavy rainfall and coastal flooding caused by Hurricane Irene, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters, or mussels from all shores, flats and territorial waters of the state of Maine, from the New Hampshire border to the US/Canadian border.