

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Chapter 90 - Conservation Areas

90.02 Lincoln County

C. Wiscasset

Conservation Area I. It shall be unlawful to dig or take in any manner any marine worms, clams, quahogs, mussels and oysters from all shores, flats and waters of a portion of Sheepscot River, Wiscasset, Lincoln County, ~~approximately 200 ft. x 300 ft.~~, bounded on the south by Route No. 1 Highway, on the east by the river channel, on the north by the stone pilings out to the river channel adjacent to the former Maine Central Railroad Freight House (approximately 192 yards from the Route No. 1 Highway), and on the west by the Maine Central Railroad property.

Basis Statement

Chapter 90.02(C) Conservation Areas, Lincoln County, Wiscasset – boundary clarification

This area was established by DMR scientist Ted Creaser in 1966 as a conservation area for marine worm research. His research continued until the late 1970's. Dr. William Ambrose from Bates College has continued the research to date, with funding by the DMR. The long term time series for this research is important to remain intact and uninterrupted for its use as a comparative study area to other sites coastwide.

These regulations clarify the boundary description for enforcement purposes as there was a discrepancy in the distance between the landmarks and the dimensions stated in the rule, which made enforcement problematic. The former Freight House that has burned down and its adjacent stone pilings landmark have been updated with a reference to the distance of the stone pilings from the Route No. 1 Highway.

Summary of Comments

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A public hearing was held March 3, 2009 at the Department of Marine Resources in West Boothbay Harbor. No persons from the public attended the hearing and no written comments were received.