

Oysters from Rhode Island Harvester Recalled Following Vibrio Outbreak

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is reporting that Rocky Rhode Oysters Co., LLC, doing business as Walrus and Carpenter Oysters, is recalling all oysters harvested from the Walrus & Carpenter Oysters, LLC Farm with harvest dates of 7/28/2023 until 8/19/2023. This product is being recalled due to this harvest area being epidemiologically linked to a *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* outbreak investigation. RIDOH is working closely with partners on the investigation.

Only the Walrus & Carpenter Oysters, LLC Farm, in the Dutch Harbor area of harvest area 7B in Rhode Island is impacted. The other lease areas in harvest area 7B have not been implicated. This lease area is identified by Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council (CRMC) Assent 2019-12-055. The lease may be listed on the shellfish tags as B2015-09-105. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) closed this lease area for harvesting on August 19, 2023.

RIDOH is working with the dealer to ensure that the product is removed from commerce. RIDOH has confirmed that the product has not been distributed out of state and was only sold directly to Rhode Island restaurants.