

How To: Determine Shellfish Harvesting Area Status

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How To: Determine Shellfish Harvesting Area Status. Welcome to the instructional video for finding a shellfish harvesting area status using the new Florida Aquaculture Interactive Atlas. There are three main methods that can be used to find a shellfish harvesting area closure. On another device scan the QR code or use another browser tab to visit the website www.FDACS.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Aquaculture/Shellfish-Harvesting-Area-and-Aquaculture-Lease-Map to follow along. It is recommended to access the Florida Aquaculture Interactive Atlas on a desktop or laptop for optimal functionality. The Florida Aquaculture Interactive Atlas has limited capability on a mobile device.

1.2 Select

When you first navigate to the Florida Aquaculture Interactive Atlas, you will be prompted to read an informational banner with more information about the Atlas. This banner includes important information about the use of the map and distinguishing features such as the shellfish harvesting areas status color key. You can visit the Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification Program webpage for more information on what these classifications mean.

1.3 Select

After reading the information on the banner, select the blue “OK” button in the bottom right corner.

1.4 Select

Before we begin let us go through the different shellfish harvesting area classifications and their corresponding identifying colors. Select the “layers” option that is second to the left on the top left of the map screen. This option looks like a stack of papers. To view the legend for the map, select the tab titled “Legend”.

1.5 Legend Overview

From the legend we can determine what the different colors and symbols on the map represent. The orange dots are certified shellfish processing facilities. Temporary and

administrative closures are shown as hatch marks over an existing shellfish harvesting area, either in red for a temporary closure or black for an administrative closure. Next, Individual parcels and Aquaculture Use Zones are both shown with green for occupied and yellow for vacant.

1.6 Scroll

Scrolling farther down the legend shows the color key for shellfish harvesting area classification. This key shows blue for approved, dark green for conditionally approved, orange for restricted/conditionally restricted, red for prohibited and no color for unclassified. Select the “X” to close the legend when finished.

1.7 Option 1

Option 1. Use this method to view open/closed status if you know the location of a shellfish harvesting area but not its exact shellfish harvesting area name or number.

1.8 Scroll Down

Center the parcel or area of interest on the map by scrolling or selecting and holding while dragging to move around the map. For this example we will be using Horseshoe Beach.

1.9 Scroll or Zoom

You can scroll or select the zoom in button, designated by a plus sign, from the options on the bottom right of the Atlas.

1.10 Select and Drag

Zoom into the desired shellfish harvesting area. Selecting the polygon opens a menu with information about that shellfish harvesting area, such as the name and classification. Scroll to view more information.

1.11 Select

To view more information about the area status, select the blue hyperlinked text titled “Area Status” on the right side of the menu.

1.12 Area Status

A new webpage will open. This page has more information regarding the status, including the reason for closure. Select the back arrow at the top of your screen to return to the Atlas.

1.13 Select

To view the legal map of the shellfish harvesting area select the blue hyperlinked text titled “Legal Map”.

1.14 Legal Map

Selecting the “Legal Map” text on the Atlas will take you to a map that displays the classification area and the boundaries. Select the back arrow at the top of your screen to return to the Atlas.

1.15 Select

Select the “X” on the top right of the menu to close it.

1.16 Option 2

Option Two. Use this method to view open/closed area status if you know the shellfish harvesting area name or number. Begin by selecting the “Shellfish Harvesting Areas” from the menu at the top of the Atlas to highlight and view a list of all shellfish harvesting areas.

1.17 Scroll

By selecting the shellfish harvesting areas from the top menu, you can view a list of all classified areas in numerical order on the right side of the Atlas. All shellfish harvesting areas are highlighted on the map in one of the designated colors we previously mentioned. Once the numerical list is shown on the right side of the Atlas, you can scroll through the shellfish harvesting areas list until you locate the desired shellfish harvesting area and then select the area. The Atlas will automatically zoom to the selected area.

1.18 Select

After zooming into your desired location, select anywhere on the highlighted area to view more information.

1.19 Scroll

A menu with information including area status and name will appear. Scroll or select arrows to view more information about that shellfish harvesting area in the menu.

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1.25 Option 3

Option three. Use this method to view the status of all shellfish harvesting areas.

1.26 Select

Select the blue icon second from the left at the bottom of the map screen. When hovering over the icon it is titled “Tables” and looks like a table or chart.

1.27 Select

A menu with parcel information will appear. At the top left of this pop-up will be a drop-down menu, select the arrow on the right side of the drop-down menu.

1.28 Select

For this example, we will be using the option “Shellfish Harvesting Areas All Year”. Find and select this option from the drop-down menu.

1.29 Select

You may view additional information about certain shellfish harvesting areas by selecting one of the other options found in the drop-down menu.

1.30 Select

In the second column from the left of the menu, select the arrow to sort approved shellfish harvesting areas first. By selecting this arrow twice, this button will filter restricted and prohibited areas first.

1.31 Select

To view information about the area status for any shellfish harvesting area, select the blue hyperlinked text titled “Area Status” on the left side of the menu.

1.32 Area Status

A new webpage will open. This page has more information regarding the status, including the reason for closure. Select the back arrow at the top of your screen to return to the Atlas.

1.33 Select

To view the legal map of any shellfish harvesting area select the blue hyperlinked text titled “Legal Map”.

1.34 Legal Map

Selecting the “Legal Map” text on the Atlas will take you to a map that displays the classification area and boundaries. Select the back arrow at the top of your screen to return to the Atlas.

1.35 Select and Drag

To view more information about the areas, select and drag the menu bar.

1.36 Scroll

The names of the shellfish harvesting areas will now be shown. Remember that if the arrow for “Classification” was selected once the shellfish harvesting areas with the “Approved” classification will be shown first. Scroll through the menu until you find a desired area to view.

1.37 Select

Select any box within the row of the shellfish harvesting areas desired to view more information and view the area on the Atlas.

1.38 Select

Once you select the desired shellfish harvesting area; the row will become highlighted in blue. The shellfish harvesting area will also be highlighted in blue on the Atlas. Remember that you can select and drag the slider bar back to view the “Area Status” or “Legal Map” of your desired shellfish harvesting area. Select the “X” at the top right of the pop-up to close it.

1.39 Scroll

Scroll the mouse wheel or select the zoom in button on the bottom right of the map screen designated by a plus sign.

1.40 Select

Select the highlighted area to open a menu with more information.

1.41 Scroll

Scroll or use arrows to view more information about the shellfish harvesting area.

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Select the “X” at the top right of the menu to close.

1.47 Next Steps

It is important to note that shellfish harvesting area status is subject to change and the information reflected on the map may not be current. Before you harvest shellfish, check the shellfish harvesting area status or contact your local FDACS office. For more information on Shellfish Harvesting Area Classifications or Shellfish Harvesting Areas, on another device scan the QR code or use another browser tab to visit the website www.FDACS.gov/SHAC. To be added to the Division of Aquaculture’s Shellfish Harvesting Area notification listserv, contact Aqua_Status_Update@FDACS.gov.