

Shellfish Regulations Amendments as officially amended by The Board of Selectmen and ratified on 04/06/10

- 1.) Added to Sec. III Art. 1 Para (H). (pg.6) Shellfishing shall only be permitted during the time period between *½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset, as defined herein; "Section I General Provisions" Exception: After a rain closure, on the first day of being reopened, the harvesting of shell fish shall not proceed until 8:00 AM. Furthermore, there shall be flagpoles placed at the ends of Susan Drive and Randall Shea Rd. and the Swansea Boat Ramp. A GREEN FLAG shall indicate that the beds are open and a RED FLAG shall indicate that they are closed.*
- 2.) Section I, Article 1: (pg.3) Together with the one paragraph prior, the penultimate paragraph shall be removed and replaced by the following: *Sunrise and Sunset shall be defined as that being printed in the daily newspaper and/or its respective web site.*
- 3.) Section III, Article 2, Paragraph (I) (pg.8) Shall Remain the same except that on both occasions the words "*½ bushel*" and "*1 bushel*" shall be replaced with the words "*1 Peck*"
- 4.) Section III, Article 3, Paragraph (G) (pg.10) Shall Remain the same except that on both occasions the words "*½ Bushel*" and "*1 bushel*" shall be replaced with the words "*1 Peck*"
- 5.) Section III, Article 1, Paragraph (K) (Pg. 6) Inserted after the final word "harvesting" shall be the following: *Recreational permit holders shall be required to have on their person a standard Massachusetts shellfish sizing ring (1" minimum hinge width for Quahogs and 2" minimum length for Softshell/Steamer Clams.) Furthermore, all Recreational permit holders shall be required to utilize a standard "1 Peck" Wire basket while harvesting Softshell/Steamer Clams and shall utilize the same or a ½ bushel wire basket while harvesting quahogs.*
- 6.) Section III, Article 1, Paragraph (U) (pg. 7 or 8) This paragraph shall be inserted after the final paragraph "T" and read as follows: *Anyone harvesting Softshell/Steamer clams shall fill in all holes to the best of their ability before leaving the area.*
- 7.) Section III, Article 2, Paragraph (R) (Pg. 9) This paragraph shall be inserted after the final paragraph "Q" and read as follows: *Any Harvesting of Quahogs from a boat on a recreational permit shall be done in 4 feet of water or greater.*
- 8.) Section III, Article 3, Paragraph (O) (Pg. 10) To be inserted following the last paragraph "N" and shall read as follows: *All commercial catches shall be submitted via a daily call to the Shellfish Warden. In addition to this, it shall be required that the Shellfish Warden shall be supplied with a monthly catch report outlining all shellfish that was harvested. This shall be submitted in writing to the Shellfish Warden by 5:00 PM on the last day of the month.*
- 9.) Section II, Article 3, Paragraph 5 (Pg.5) To be inserted after "permit." *There shall be only one (1) senior Citizen permit per household and shall be shared between spouses/domestic partners.*
- 10.) Add year on the front of the regs.
- 11.) Section III, Article 1, Paragraph (V) (pg. 7 or 8) This paragraph shall be inserted after paragraphs "T" and "U" and will read as follows: *No person shall come ashore with shellfish and thereafter (later) on the same day return to the waters of the town for the purpose of harvesting additional shellfish. The Board hereby authorizes the enforcing authorities' discretion in the enforcement of this provision.*
- 12.) Section III, Article 2, Paragraph (L) (pg.8) shall be stricken, (but have the same header title) and replaced with the following: *Not more than ½ bushel of quahogs including shells shall be taken in any (1) one calendar day and not more than ½ bushel of quahogs shall be taken in any (1) one calendar week. Furthermore, not more than (10) ten quarts of the (16 quart) ½ bushel limit shall consist of "Count Neck" or "Top neck", with the balance of the limit consisting of "Cherrystones" or "Bulls", as defined herein.*