

RIMFR – Shellfish

8. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.2 Shellfish grounds – polluted areas: Shellfish harvesting will be allowed in all waters except those declared by the Director to be polluted based upon water quality considerations pursuant to RIGL Chapter 20-8.1. Information on the current status of waters subject to conditional closures or emergencies due to pollution is available by calling 401-222-2900 and visiting <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/shellfish/clos/index.htm>. (RIGL 20-8.1-3)

8.2.1 Exclusion: This section shall not apply to the harvest of Whelk or Bay scallop.

8.3 Taking or selling of shellfish from polluted areas: No person shall take shellfish from the waters of polluted areas, or knowingly sell shellfish taken from the waters of polluted areas, except pursuant to a transplant program specifically authorized by and conducted under the direct supervision of the Director. In granting permission, the Director shall first obtain the written approval of the Director of the Department of Health as to the suitability and safety for the purposes intended. The possession by any person of shellfish while in a vessel upon the waters of polluted areas between the hours of two (2) hours after sunset and sunrise shall be prima facie evidence that those shellfish were taken by that person in violation of this section. (RIGL 20-8.1-5)

8.3.1 Exclusion: This section shall not apply to the harvest of Whelk or Bay scallop.

9. EQUIPMENT PROVISIONS AND HARVEST METHODS

9.13.2 Areas allowed: **Except as hereinafter provided and unless otherwise specified by regulation of the Department of Environmental Management,** dredging for surf clams by R.I. residents is allowed only in waters southerly of a line extending from Church Point, in the town of Little Compton, to Flint Point on Aquidneck Island, southerly of the coastline of Aquidneck Island, southerly of a line extending from Castle Hill Point on Aquidneck Island, to Southwest Point of Conanicut Island to Bonnet Point, Narragansett, easterly of the coastline of the town of Narragansett, southerly of the coastline of the towns of Narragansett, South Kingstown, and Charlestown, and westerly to the Connecticut line. For the purpose of this section, “coastline” refers to the land facing the open sea.

12. DAILY POSSESSION LIMITS (IN WATERS OTHER THEN SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT AREAS)

12.3 Commercial:

12.3.1 Bay quahaug:

(A) Multi-purpose (MPURP) and Principal Effort License (PEL) holders: Twelve (12) bushels/person/day **(i.e., full harvest level)**. (RIGL 20-6-10)

(B) Commercial Fishing License (CFL), Student shellfish license, and Over-65 shellfish license holders: Three (3) bushels/person/day (i.e., basic harvest level). (RIGL 20-2.1-5)

12.3.6 Ocean quahaug: Twenty six (26) cages or eight hundred thirty two (832) bushels/**person/day**.

~~(A) Dredged ocean quahaugs: Thirty (30) bushels for any person licensed to take ocean quahaugs by dredge, rake, or other apparatus operated by power or hauled by a power boat. (RIGL 20-6-12)~~