

**R.I. Marine Fisheries Regulations
PART IV - SHELLFISH**

~~4.225.9 Bristol Harbor Shellfish Transplant Area: 4.22.1 The waters of Bristol Harbor described below are designated as a Shellfish Management Area. This area is defined as that area **Described as the waters** of Bristol Harbor southerly of a line between ~~Johnson's Dock (so-called) on the west side of Bristol Harbor and **CRMC permitted dock #419 located at 163 Poppasquash Road to**~~ the northwest corner of the ~~Coast Guard Dock, on the east side of Bristol Harbor **Rockwell Pier municipal parking lot in Bristol Harbor**,~~ and north of a line between **CRMC Permitted Dock # 1601 at the boat house to the rear of 363 Poppasquash Road** ~~Rockwell's Dock (so-called) on the west side of Bristol Harbor,~~ and the northwest corner of the Coast Guard Dock **in Bristol Harbor**. The area is bordered on the west by the three (3) foot contour line along the shore between ~~Rockwell's Dock and Johnson's Dock~~ **Dock #419 and Dock # 1601** and on the east by the existing pollution line.~~

4.10 Conch (Channeled Whelk – *Busycotypus canaliculatus* and Knobbed Whelk – *Busycon carica*):

4.10.1 General Provisions:

(C) Unauthorized Hauling of Conch Pots: No person except the Director may haul, unduly disturb, or remove any animal from a conch pot of a person possessing a valid commercial fishing license to take conch, or from a person fishing recreationally for conch, without the written permission of that person.

(D) Unauthorized Possession and/or Transfer of Conch Pots: No person except the Director may sell, transfer, or have in his or her possession or control any conch pot, or associated line (warp) and/or buoy, without the written permission of the owner.

(E) Hauling or Setting Conch Pots at Night: No person shall haul or unduly disturb any conch pot within the territorial waters of this state between the hours of one (1) hour after sundown and one (1) hour before sunrise.

4.10.3 Minimum Size:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Shell Width</u>	<u>Shell Length</u>
<u>2014</u>	<u>2-7/8" (73 mm)</u>	<u>5-1/8" (130.1 mm)</u>
<u>2015</u>	<u>3" (76.2 mm)</u>	<u>5-3/8" (136.5 mm)</u>