

4.8 Shellfish Management Areas - Catch Limits for Quahaugs, Soft-shelled Clams, Sea Clams, Mussels, and Oysters. – Bristol Harbor Shellfish Transplant Area, Potter Pond, Pt. Judith Pond, Ninigret (Charlestown) Pond, Quonochontaug Pond, Winnapaug (Brightman) Pond, Potowomut, Greenwich Bay, Mill Gut, Kickemuit River, Bissel Cove, High Banks, Sakonnet River, and Jenny’s Creek have been declared special Shellfish Management Areas. ~~in their entirety for a period of five years. Shellfish Management Area status shall expire five years from the filing date of this document unless renewed by subsequent R.I. Marine Fisheries Council actions.~~ **Each of the above referenced areas shall continue to enjoy the designation as a Shellfish Management Area unless modified by the Director.**

No person may possess more than the maximum shellfish management area daily catch limit while in a management area. The following daily catch limits have been established for the Management Areas listed above:

Quahaugs, Soft-shelled Clams, Sea Clams, Mussels, and Oysters*

Maximum Daily Take by

BOAT HARVEST

R.I. Resident (no sale)	1 peck each/day/person
Commercial	3 bu each/day/license holder maximum of 6 bushels each/boat/day; and maximum of two licensed shellfishers per boat
Licensed Non-Resident (no sale)	½ peck each/day/license holder
* Oyster season is open from September 15 to May 15 annually	

SHORE DIGGING

This maximum daily catch limit for shoredigging of soft shell clams, bay quahaugs, mussels, and oysters [in season] is:

R.I. Resident (no sale)	1 peck each/day/person
Commercial	3 bu each/day/license holder
Licensed Non-Resident (no sale)	½ peck each/day/license holder
* Oyster season is open from September 15 to May 15 annually	

Daily catch limits apply to all Management Areas unless otherwise specified. The use of diving apparatus is prohibited while shoredigging.

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