

6. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these regulations, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Shellfish means and includes all molluscan species growing in Rhode Island tidal waters, including, but not limited to bay quahaug, ocean quahaug, blue mussel, oyster, soft-shell clam, bay scallop, **and** surf clam, ~~channeled and knobbed whelk~~. (20-2.1-3; 20-8.1-1)

13.9.2 Oyster harvest moratorium: The harvest and possession of oysters in the Bissel Cove/Fox Island Shellfish Management Area is prohibited until ~~September 15~~ **November 15**, 2015.

13.18 **Quonochontaug Pond**: Described as the waters of Quonochontaug Pond in its entirety, in the towns of Charlestown and Westerly.

13.18.1 Closed areas:

(A) Western closed area: The harvest and possession of shellfish is prohibited in the following area: Described as the waters south of a line running easterly from the special DEM marker at the end of Quahaug Point (N 41 degrees 20 minutes 0.0 seconds, W 71 degrees 44 minutes 39.5 seconds), to a second special DEM marker at the northern end of Nope's Island (N 41 degrees 20 minutes 5.0 seconds, W 71 degrees 44 minutes 1.0 second). The area will be bordered on the west by a line running south from Quahaug Point to a special DEM marker located on the barrier beach shoreline (N 41 degrees 19 minutes ~~54.5~~ **50.0** seconds, W 71 degrees 44 minutes 40.0 seconds). The southern boundary will be the shoreline between the barrier beach special DEM marker and Nope's Island special DEM marker.

17.3 Harvest of shellfish from sunrise ~~May 1~~ **April 1** through sunset October 31 annually: The maximum allowable time between the commencement of harvest of shell stock and delivery to a dealer shall be 10 hours. Possession of shell stock in excess of 10 hours is prohibited.