

**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. 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. <u>(Note: The harvest and possession of oysters in Quonochontaug Pond is prohibited from September 15, 2010 to September 15, 2013. See section 4.12.3(b)). The harvest and possession of oysters in Bissel Cove/Fox Island is prohibited from September 15, 2010 to September 15, 2015. See section 4.12.6)</u>	

**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. <u>(Note: The harvest of possession oysters in Quonochontaug Pond is prohibited from September 15, 2010 to September 15, 2013. See section 4.12.3(b)). The harvest and possession of oysters in Bissel Cove/Fox Island is prohibited from September 15, 2010 to September 15, 2015. See section 4.12.6)</u>	

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

(RIMF REGULATION) [Penalty – Part 3.3; (RIGL 20-3-30)]

## 4.12 Shellfish Management Areas Closed to Shellfishing (also see: Areas Closed Due to Pollution).

### 4.12.1 Mill Gut

4.12.1-1 Mill Gut in Bristol is closed in its entirety until further notice, with the exception that between sunrise the second Wednesday in December and sunset, April 30 annually the area will be open for the harvesting of quahaugs, soft-shelled clams, mussels, and oysters in accordance with the catch limits set forth in section 4.8.

### 4.12.2 ~~Brightman (Winnapaug)~~ Winnapaug (Brightman) Pond

4.12.2-1 The following areas in ~~Brightman Winnapaug~~ Pond will be closed to ~~the taking of all shellfishing except for the harvest of bay scallops by dip net only: clams and quahaugs:~~ the area north of a line running easterly from a special DEM marker at Big Rock Point (~~so-called~~) (N 41 degrees 19 minutes 49.0 seconds, W 71 degrees 47 minutes 57.0 seconds), to the special DEM marker at the southern end of Larkin's Island (~~so-called~~) (N 41 degrees 19 minutes 55.0 seconds, W 71 degrees 47 minutes 5.0 seconds). The area will be bordered on the east by a line running northwesterly the ~~from a DEM marker on~~ Larkin's Island special marker to a special DEM marker adjacent to the end of Bayside Avenue (N 41 degrees 19 minutes 58.0 seconds, W 71 degrees 47 minutes 9.0 seconds). The northern boundary is the shoreline between the Bayside Ave special DEM marker and the Big Rock Point special DEM marker.

### 4.12.3 Quonochontaug Pond

4.12.3-1 The harvest and possession of oysters in Quonochontaug Pond is prohibited from September 15, 2010 to September 15, 2013 (for three years).

4.12.3-2 (b) The following areas in Quonochontaug Pond will be closed to all shellfishing except for the harvest of bay scallops by dip net only: clams and quahaugs:

4.12.3-3 The western closure area is defined as south of a line running easterly from the special DEM marker at the end of Quahaug Point (~~so-called~~) (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 or Barn 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 51.5 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.

4.12.3-4 Quonochontaug Pond – The eastern closure following area in Quonochontaug Pond will be closed to all shellfishing except for the harvest of bay scallops by dip net only: the area is defined as east of a line running southerly from the special DEM marker located at N 41 degrees 21 minutes 1.1 seconds W 71 degrees 42 minutes 33.4 seconds, to a second special DEM marker located at N 41 degrees 20 minutes 41.0 seconds W 71 degrees 42 minutes 44.1 seconds; and bound by the eastern pond shoreline between the special DEM markers.

(RIMF REGULATION) [Penalty Part 3.3; (RIGL 20-3-3)]

#### 4.12.4 Ninigret Pond

4.12.4-1 The following area within Ninigret Pond in Charlestown will be closed to all shellfishing except for the harvest of bay scallops by dip net only: the taking of soft-shelled clams, bay quahaugs, and oysters: all waters within an area formed by the following points: from ("A" N 41 degrees 20 minutes 41.7 seconds W 71 degrees 41 minutes 24.3 seconds, the northeast corner of the Ninigret Conservation Area parking lot) ("A" N41° 20' 41.7" W71° 41' 24.3", the northeast corner of the Ninigret Conservation Area parking lot) following the shoreline to ("B" N 41 degrees 20 minutes 49.6 seconds W 71 degrees 41 minutes 4.6 seconds, ("B" N41° 20' 49.6" W 71° 41' 4.6", a DEM sign approximately 500 meters eastward of "A"); from "B" northward to ("C" N 41 degrees 21 minutes 31.0 seconds W 71 degrees 41 minutes 22.2 seconds ("C" N41° 21' 31.0" W71° 41' 22.2", the Lavin's Landing Marina launching ramp); from "C" following the shoreline to ("D" N 41 degrees 21 minutes 10.1 seconds W 71 degrees 41 minutes 40.9 seconds, ("D" N41° 21' 10.1" W71° 41' 40.9", a DEM sign on the westernmost end of Reeds Point); from "D" southward to "A".

#### 4.12.5 Potter Pond

4.12.5-1 The following area within Potter Pond in South Kingstown will be closed to all shellfishing except for the harvest of bay scallops by dip net only: An area within Sycamore Cove defined as north of a line running easterly from a special DEM marker located at N 41 degrees 23 minutes 2.0 seconds, W 71 degrees 32 minutes 13.0 seconds; to a second special DEM marker located at N 41 degrees 23 minutes 1.0 second, W 71 degrees 31 minutes 59.5 seconds; and bound by the northern pond shoreline between the special DEM markers.

a) The harvest of oysters in the area described in 4.12.5, within Sycamore Cove in Potter Pond, is prohibited from October 1, 2010 to December 31, 2015 (for five years).

**4.12.6 Bissel Cove/Fox Island Oyster Harvest Moratorium –**

**4.12.6-1 The harvest and possession of oysters in the Bissel Cove/Fox Island Shellfish Management Area is prohibited from September 15, 2010 to September 15, 2015 (for five years).**

**(RIMF REGULATION) [Penalty - Part 4.4 or 4.7; (RIGL 20-6-9 or 20-6-10)]**