

R.I. Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations
PART IV - SHELLFISH

4.10 Greenwich Bay Shellfish Management Area

Winter Shellfish Harvest Schedule for Western Greenwich Bay (both GB Sub-Area 1 and GB Sub-Area 2):

For December 201~~23~~ – In accordance with D.E.M. Office of Water Resources, **“Notice of Polluted Shellfish Grounds” “Shellfish Grounds, Closures and Approved Areas”** document dated May 201~~23~~, GB Sub-Area 1 and GB Sub-Area 2 are closed to shellfishing beginning sunrise on December 1 through sunrise of January 1.

On Thursday, January 2, 2014 - shellfishing from a boat will be permitted between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Noon.

From January 16, 201~~34~~ through April 30, 201~~34~~ – shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Noon (4 hours per day) on: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

(c) Default harvest schedules for GB Sub-Areas 1 & 2 – If no action is taken to establish specific harvest schedules and/or closures for the December through April harvest season, and harvest seasons subsequent thereto, the sub-areas shall revert to the following default harvest schedule:

Shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 A.M. and ~~10:00 A.M.~~ **12:00 P.M.** on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, beginning on the second Wednesday of December and continuing through the end of April **excepting December 25 and January 1 if they fall on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.**

(d.) GB Area 3 – Described as the waters east of a line between Sally Rock Point and the westernmost flagpole on Promenade Street, Old Buttonwoods, and west of a line between the flagpole at the Warwick Country Club and the end of Sandy Point on the Potowomut Shore.

GB Sub-Area 3 is open to shellfishing from a boat between sunrise and sunset daily on an annual basis.

4.11 Sakonnet River Shellfish Management Area - The following special regulations apply in the ~~Management Area: In the~~ Sakonnet River Shellfish Management Area: the daily take for licensed dredge boats will be limited to 200 bushels of surf clams. A by-catch of bay quahaugs will be permitted. It shall be calculated at the rate of one bushel of bay quahaugs for each ten (10) bushels of

surf clams in possession of the harvester. Total by-catch of bay quahaugs shall not exceed twelve (12) bushels per vessel. (RIMF REGULATION) [Penalty Part 3.3; (RIGL 20-3-3)]

4.22 Bristol Harbor Shellfish Transplant Area

4.22.2 Boat Harvest

- (a) ~~For December 20123~~ – shellfishing from a boat will **not** be permitted ~~only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Noon (4 hours per day) on: December 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28, and 31.~~
- (b) ~~For Beginning January 3, 20134~~ – shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Noon (4 hours per day) on: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- (c) ~~From February 1 through April 30, 20134 - shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only from sunrise to 12:00 P.M. Noon on: Mondays through Fridays.~~ **Shellfishing from a boat will be permitted from sunrise to sunset seven (7) days a week.**
- (d) The area is closed to all shellfishing from a boat from May through November, annually, and will reopen every December in accordance with the annually established December schedule.
- (e) Default harvest schedule – If no action is taken to establish specific harvest schedules for the December through April harvest season, and harvest seasons subsequent thereto, the area shall revert to the following default harvest schedule:

Shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, beginning on the second Wednesday of December and continuing through the end of April **excepting December 25 and January 1 if they fall on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.**

4.23 Opening Shellfish on Water -- No person shall possess the meats of more than six (6) shellfish while shellfishing on the waters of the State or throw the shells of open scallops onto the scallop beds. (RIGL 20-6-21) [Penalty - Part 6.6; (RIGL 20-6-13)]

4.24 Bissel Cove - Fox Island Transplant Area

4.24.3 Boat Harvest

- (a) ~~For Beginning the 2nd Wednesday of December 2012 though April 30, 2014~~ – shellfishing from a boat will be permitted ~~only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Noon (4 hours per day) on: December 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28, and 31.~~

permitted from sunrise to sunset seven (7) days per week for the harvesting of quahaugs, soft-shell clams, and mussels.

~~(b) For January 2013—shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Noon (4 hours per day) on: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.~~

~~(c) From February 1 through April 30, 2013 -- shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only from sunrise to 12:00 P.M. Noon on: Mondays through Fridays.~~

(eb) The area is closed to all shellfishing from a boat from May through November, annually, and will reopen every December in accordance with the annually established December schedule.

(ec) Default harvest schedule – If no action is taken to establish specific harvest schedules for the December through April harvest season, and harvest seasons subsequent thereto, the area shall revert to the following default harvest schedule:

Shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, beginning on the second Wednesday of December and continuing through the end of April.

4.27 Potowomut Shellfish Management Area -The Potowomut Shellfish Management Area is divided into the following three areas:

HARVESTING SCHEDULE:

~~(1) From February 1 through April 30, 2013 -- shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only from sunrise to 12:00 P.M. Noon on: Mondays through Fridays.~~

(21) Commencing May 1, 2013:

Shellfishing will be permitted from sunrise to sunset on: Sundays through Saturdays, seven (7) days a week, with a commercial possession limit of three (3) bushels/day/license holder.

4.28 "High Banks" Shellfish Management Area

4.28.3 HARVESTING SCHEUDLE:

~~(a) From February 1 through April 30, 2013 -- shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only from sunrise to 12:00 P.M. Noon on: Mondays through Fridays.~~

(b) (a) Commencing May 1, 2013:

Shellfishing will be permitted from sunrise to sunset on: Sundays through Saturdays, seven (7) days a week, with a commercial possession limit of three (3) bushels/day/license holder.