

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

4.27 Potowomut Shellfish Management Area

4.27.1 Shellfish harvesting will be allowed only when declared open by the D.E.M. Office of Water Resources based upon water quality considerations. Regulations by the Office of Water Resources shall supersede the regulations below.

4.27.2 **SHORE DIGGING**: is permitted within this entire area between sunrise and sunset daily year around.

4.27.3 **BOAT HARVEST**:

The Potowomut Shellfish Management Area is divided into the following three areas pertaining to boat harvesting:

Area A is defined as the area west of a line between the seaward end of Sandy Point and buoy "G1" (Round Rock) and north of a line between the seaward end of Pojac Point to buoy "G1" (Round Rock). Area A is closed to shellfishing from a boat except as follows:

- (a) **For December 2011 – shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon (4 hours per day) on: December 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28.**
- (b) **For January 2012 – shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon (4 hours per day) on: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.**
- (c) **From February 1 through April 30, 2012 - shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only from sunrise to 12:00 Noon on: Mondays through Fridays.**
- (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 2011 – April 2012 harvest season, or harvest seasons subsequent thereto, the area shall revert to the following default harvest schedule:**

Beginning on the second Wednesday of December, sShellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning on the second Wednesday of December and continuing through the end of until April 30, annually.

~~Provided, however, that for December 2010, shellfishing from a boat will be permitted only between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon on:~~

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~~_____ Wednesday, December 15; Friday, December 17~~

~~_____ Monday, December 20; Tuesday, December 21; Wednesday, December 22~~

~~_____ Monday, December 27; Tuesday, December 28; Wednesday, December 29~~

~~And further provided that the area will be closed every December 25, and January 1.~~

Area B is defined as the triangular area east of a line between the seaward end of Sandy Point and buoy "G1" (Round Rock) and west of a line between the flagpole at the Warwick Country Club and buoy "G1" (Round Rock) and south of a line between the flagpole at the Warwick Country Club to the seaward end of Sandy Point. Area B is closed to shellfishing from a boat until further notice.

Area C is defined as the area east of a line between the flagpole at the Warwick Country Club and buoy "G1" (Round Rock) and north of a line from buoy "G1" (Round Rock) to the Warwick Lighthouse. Area C is open to shellfishing from a boat daily between sunrise and sunset year-round.