

2013 Bay Scallop Season

- Open from sunrise **November 2, 2013 to sunset December 31, 2013.**
- From November 2, 2013 to November 30, 2013 the only legal method of bay scallop harvest is by **dip-netting** from a boat.
- At sunrise December 1, 2013, bay scallop **dredging** is permitted until the end of the season. No more than six (6) single dredges, not more than twenty eight inches (28") in width, with a bag no more than thirty-six inches (36") in length, shall be towed and hauled aboard any vessel.
- The use of bay scallop dredges is prohibited in "spawner sanctuaries" at all times.
- Residents – No license required for recreational bay scallop harvest
- Non-Residents – Harvest of bay scallops is prohibited.
- Daily recreational possession limit is 1 bushel (8 gallons) in the shell.
- Daily commercial possession limit is 3 bushels (24 gallons) in the shell.
- Harvest of bay scallop "seed" is prohibited. To be considered "legal" a raised growth ring or ridge must be visible on the shell. There should be measurable shell growth beyond the ridge and usually there is a distinctive color change for new growth beyond the ridge.



- It is prohibited to shuck scallops while on the waters of the state.
- It is prohibited to dispose of scallop shells while on the waters of the state.

For further information refer to:

Part IV Shellfish

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/rmf4.pdf>

Part V Bay Scallops

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