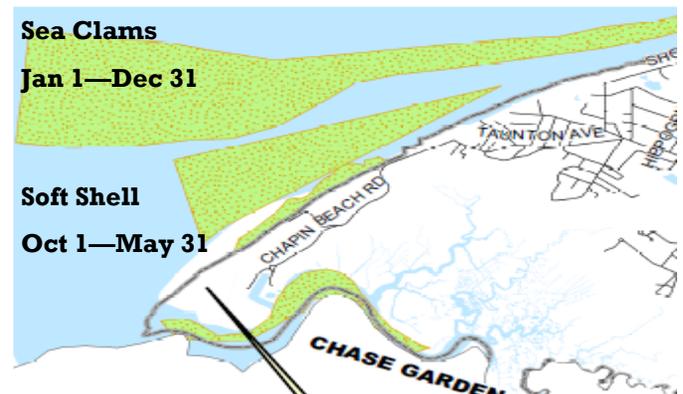
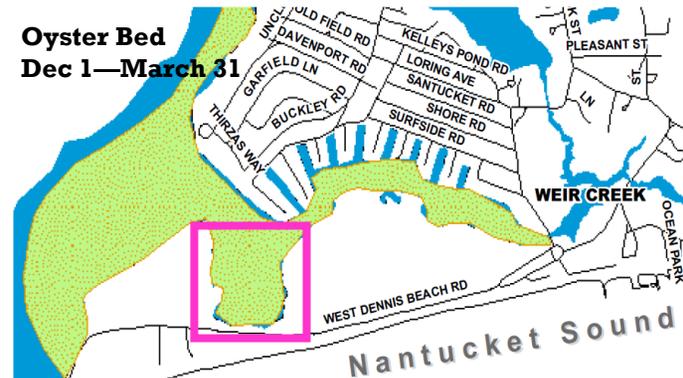
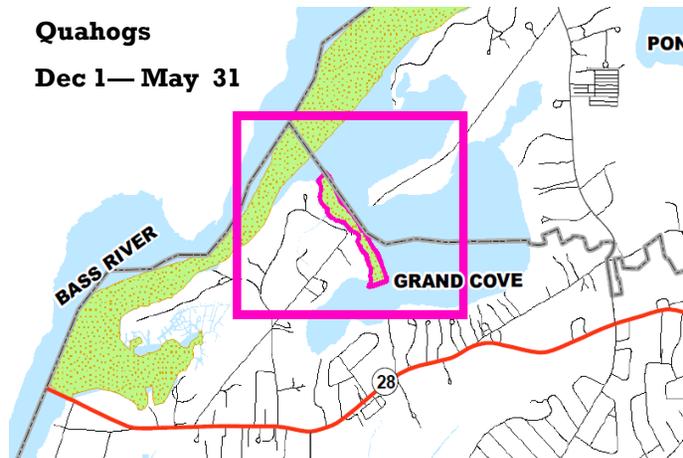


General Rules

- * Permits are not transferable outside the immediate family.
- * No persons shall dig, take or carry away shellfish or sea worms between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- * No person shall collect shellfish and sea worms for permit holders waiting on shore, unless a permit holder is disabled and has previously arranged it with the Shellfish Constable.
- * All shellfish shall be brought ashore in the shell.
- * No shellfish or sea worms shall be taken from any area which the Selectmen or the Shellfish Constable may designate from time to time as a closed area.
- * No person holding a family permit will sell any shellfish taken under this permit.
- * When the air temperature reads 32° F (0° c) or lower, no shellfishing shall be permitted except for quahogs, oysters and sea clams.
- * Upon request of the Shellfish Constable, a person taking, digging or carrying away shellfish and sea worms shall land his/her boat and permit inspection of said shellfish and sea worms by the Shellfish Constable, or Deputy Shellfish Constable.
- * Any person taking, digging or carrying away shellfish or sea worms from tidal areas or coastal waters of the Town of Dennis shall display his/her household permit in a plainly visible location on his/her clothing. Such person shall promptly produce said permit for inspection upon the request of the Shellfish Constable or any federal, state or local officers authorized to enforce federal, state or local laws relating to marine fish and fisheries.
- * No starfish, green crabs, lady crabs or moon snails shall be returned to the water, but shall be placed above the high water mark or some suitable place out of water. The aforementioned animals are predators of shellfish. You are helping our propagation program by removing them.
- * The week starts on Sunday.
- * Only one permissible shellfish limit will be allowed per shellfish permit.
- * All shellfish must be removed from all Town water bodies immediately after harvest. No wet storage of any type of shellfish is allowed. Wet storage is any method of holding shellfish in Town waters for later use. This includes shellfish hung in bags or cages from moored or docked boats, docks, floats, buoys or are placed on the bottom in a container.
- * Digging within two (2) feet of marsh grass, marsh root structure or peat for the purpose of harvesting shellfish shall be prohibited.

Map of Dennis

RECOMMENDED AREAS



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NOTICE

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries may from time to time designate shellfish areas as contaminated and the shellfish obtained from this area as unfit for food. Contact your local shellfish officials to learn of approved shellfish harvest areas.

THE OPENING AND CLOSING DATES

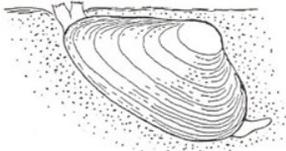
The foregoing opening and closing dates are subject to modification by the Shellfish Constable. In no event shall any open dates be enlarged without the prior approval of the Selectmen.

PENALTY

A violation of these regulations may be punishable by a fine of not less than ten nor more than two hundred dollars for each violation, subject to Non-criminal disposition. Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D, approved at the Dennis annual Town Meeting May 3, 1998 and/or revocation of the permit.

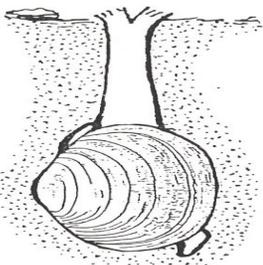
SEA CLAMS

- OPEN any day of the week
- OPEN year-round on north side
- OPEN south side May 1st through September 14th
- LIMIT 25 clams per day per permit
- Must be minimum 5 inches the long way



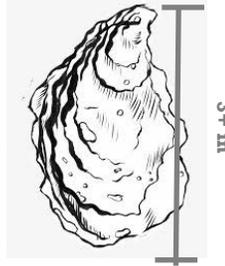
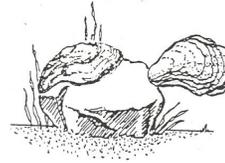
SOFT SHELL CLAMS

- OPEN Monday and Saturday ONLY
- North side OPEN October 1st through May 31st
- South side OPEN December 1st to May 31st
- Shovels, hoes or rakes are strictly prohibited in taking of clams. ONLY conventional clam digger and hand plunger (plumbers helper) may be used
- Cover over all seed and undamaged shellfish and refill all holes
- LIMIT 10 quarts weekly per permit
- Must be minimum 2 inches the long way



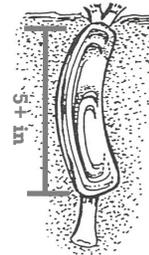
OYSTERS

- OPEN Sundays ONLY
- OPEN December 1st through March 31st
- Areas include main Bass River from the mouth to the landing at Old Fish House Road including Grand Cove and Wilbur Cove
- LIMIT 48 oysters weekly per permit
- Must be minimum 3 inches the long way



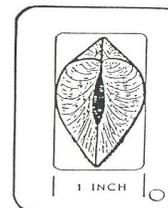
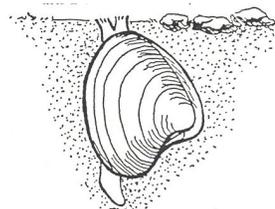
RAZOR CLAMS

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- OPEN January 1st to December 31st
- LIMIT 10 quarts weekly per week
- Must be minimum 5 inches the long way

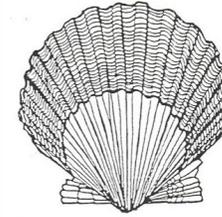


QUAHOGS

- OPEN Monday and Saturday ONLY
- OPEN December 1st through May 31st
- LIMIT 10 quarts weekly per permit
- Must be minimum 1 inch in width



SCALLOPS



- OPEN any day of the week
- OPEN October 1st through March 31st in Nantucket Sound
- OPEN November 1st through March 31st in Bass River and Cape Cod Bay
- LIMIT one (1) bushel weekly per permit
- Scallops shall be culled immediately after harvesting. Only adults with a well defined growth ring may be taken. All others must be returned alive to the water.

BLUE MUSSELS

- OPEN any day of the week
- OPEN January 1st through December 31st
- LIMIT 10 quarts weekly per permit
- Must be minimum 2 inches the long way



BLUE CRABS

- OPEN any day of the week
- OPEN May 1st through December 30th
- The State of Massachusetts, DMF, regulates the harvest of blue crabs
- Regulations require that blue crabs less than 5 inches from point to point on the shell and all egg bearing female crabs be returned to the water
- LIMIT is 25 crabs per day

