

## Dartmouth Shellfishing Abstract

Species	Open Season <sup>(1)</sup>	Minimum Size	Daily Limit	Weekly Limit	License or Permit Required	Fee
Quahog (hard clam)	all year	1" across thickness	1 peck (¼ bushel)	½ bushel	recreational	resident - \$25.00 non-resident - \$75.00
	all year	1" across thickness	3 bushels <sup>(2)</sup>	18 bushels	commercial <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	\$225.00
Dredging	October 1 <sup>st</sup> - May 31 <sup>st</sup>	1" across thickness	15 bushels	90 bushels	commercial <sup>(3)(4)(6)</sup>	\$125.00
Soft Shelled Clam (steamer)	all year <sup>(5)</sup>	2" across length	1 peck (¼ bushel)	½ bushel	commercial	Included with recreational & commercial license / permit fees.
Oysters	September 1 <sup>st</sup> - April 30 <sup>th</sup>	3" across length	½ bushel	½ bushel	recreational	
	September 1 <sup>st</sup> - April 30 <sup>th</sup>	3" across length	2 bushels	3 bushels	commercial <sup>(3)</sup>	
Scallops <sup>(3)</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup> - March 31 <sup>st</sup>	annual growth ring	1 bushel	1 bushel	recreational <sup>(6)</sup>	\$10.00
	October 1 <sup>st</sup> - March 31 <sup>st</sup>	annual growth ring	5 bags <sup>(7)</sup>	30 bags <sup>(7)</sup>	commercial <sup>(6)</sup>	\$100.00

**NOTES:**

- ◆ Shellfish may be taken by rakes, tongs, diving, and (dredging - quahogs only) diving commercially is prohibited north of the Apponagansett Bay seawall, including north of the Padanaram Bridge.
- ◆ This abstract does not include information on closed areas. It is incumbent for the license/permit holder to be sure that the area he/she is fishing in is open. Lacking knowledge of the law is NO EXCUSE. For further information, contact the Selectmen's office at (508) 910-1813.

- (1) Subject to emergency, seasonal, and contaminated relay closures
- (2) 1½ bushels neck per day
- (3) No Sunday fishing
- (4) Dartmouth residents only
- (5) Tuesday and Saturday fishing only
- (6) Required in addition to commercial license or recreational permit
- (7) Special bags issued by the Shellfish Constable

Commercial Shellfish and Dredging Licenses require a State License from the Division of Marine Fisheries. For more information, visit the website for the Division of Marine Fisheries at [mass.gov/dfwele/dmf](http://mass.gov/dfwele/dmf).