

# 2010 LANDINGS

**WILD SHELLFISH HARVEST**

**\$9.5 M**

**SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE**

**\$2.1M**

**OUR BUSINESS**

**LIVES, GROWS AND THRIVES IN**

**CLEAN WATER**

# SUSTAINABLE SHELLFISH COMMUNITY

COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH HARVESTERS	1790
SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LICENSES:	
EXPERIMENTAL	10
LIMITED PURPOSE	83
STANDARD	66

**Protecting and Enhancing a Way of Life**  
**The Frenchman Bay Shellfish**  
**Management Program**  
**Mission Statement**

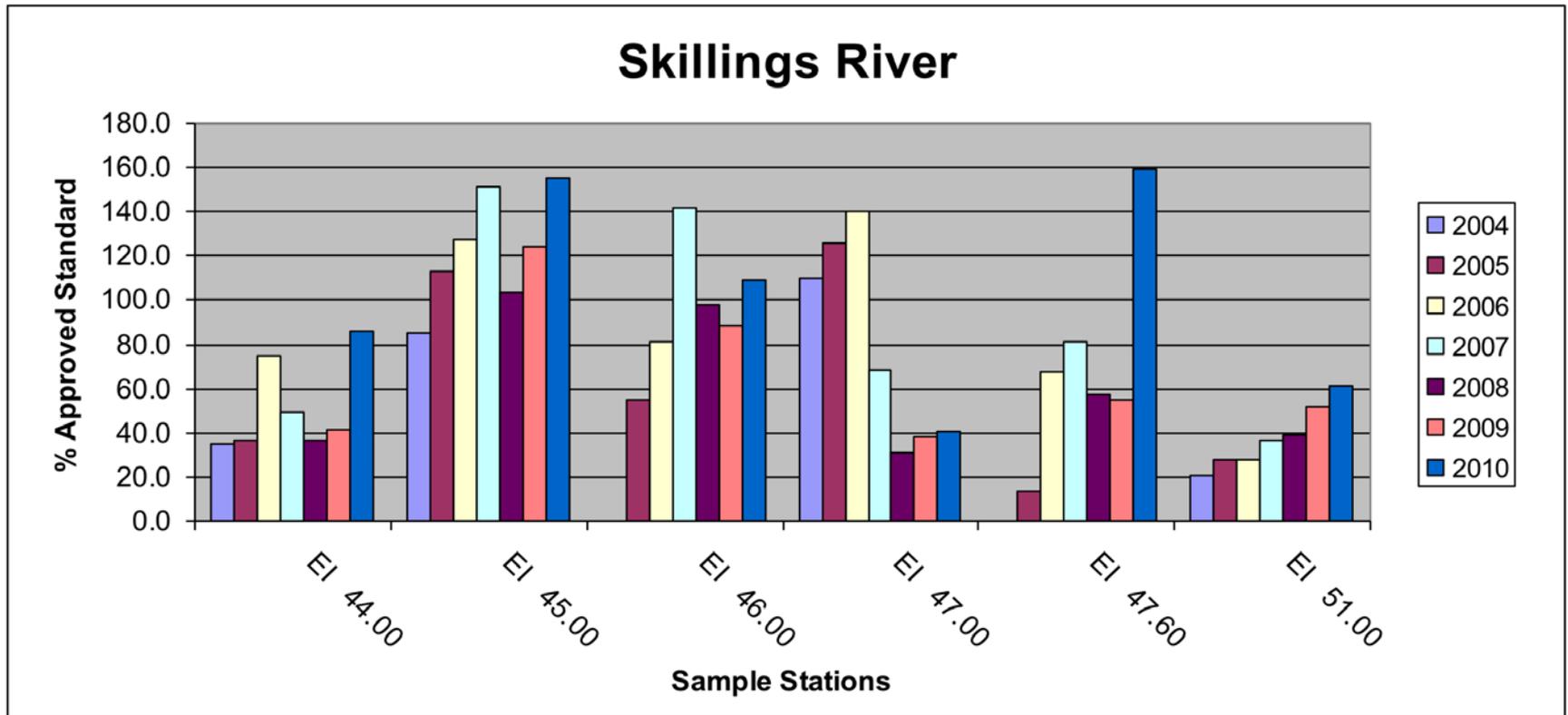
**These communities shall act collaboratively as stewards to preserve, protect, manage and enhance the shellfish resources and ecological well being of the Greater Frenchman Bay Region and to insure a sustainable harvest of shellfish and opportunity for those who make their living on the tide.**

# Without Strong Barriers

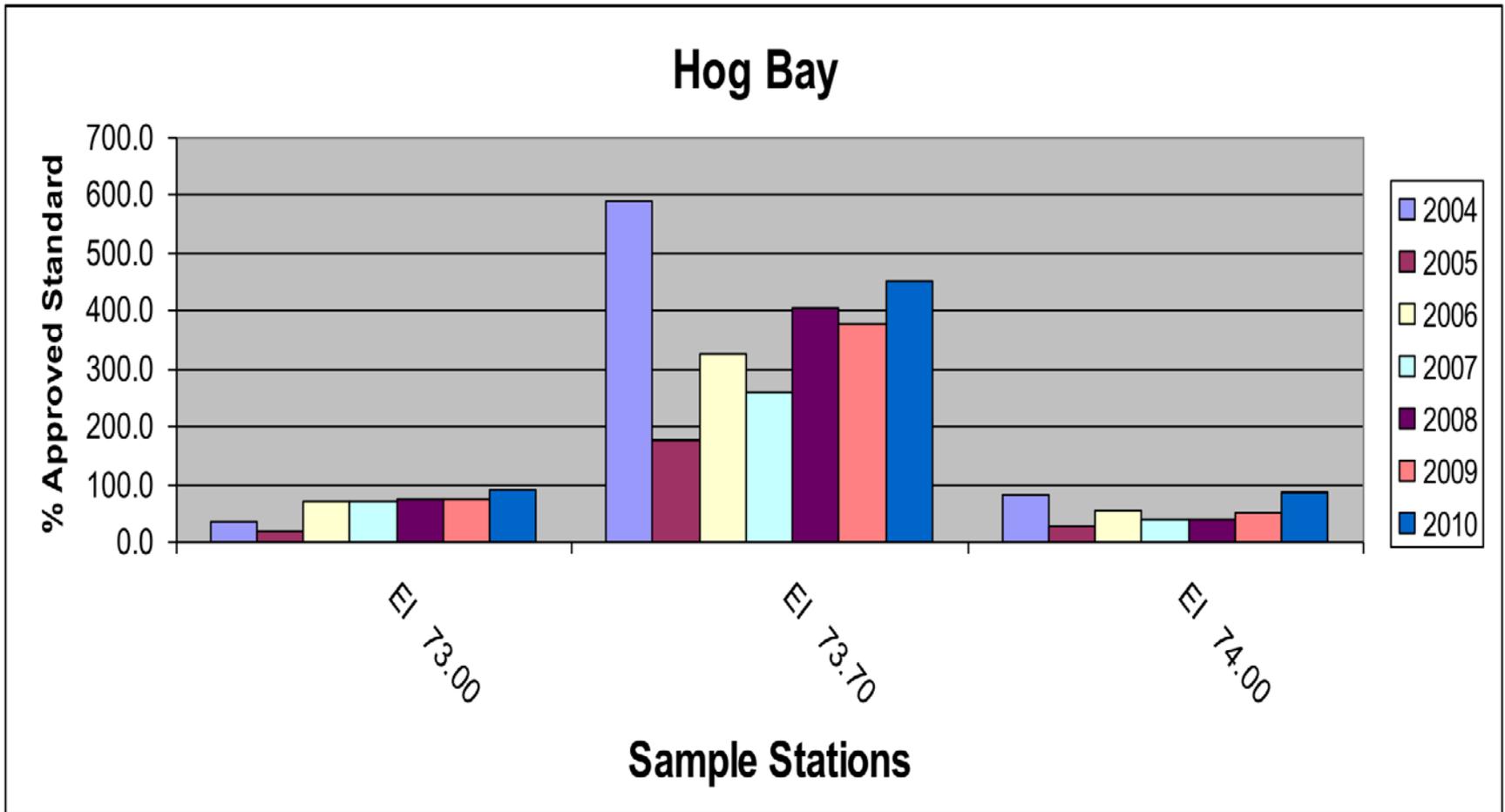
- More and sustained closures
- Wide fluctuations and limitations in raw material availability in the marketplace
- Less harvesting income opportunities and less income for current industry harvesters
- Less safe shellfish
- Diminished confidence in the resource within the investor and processor sector as well as Maine's Seafood Reputation world wide

# Skillings River Scores

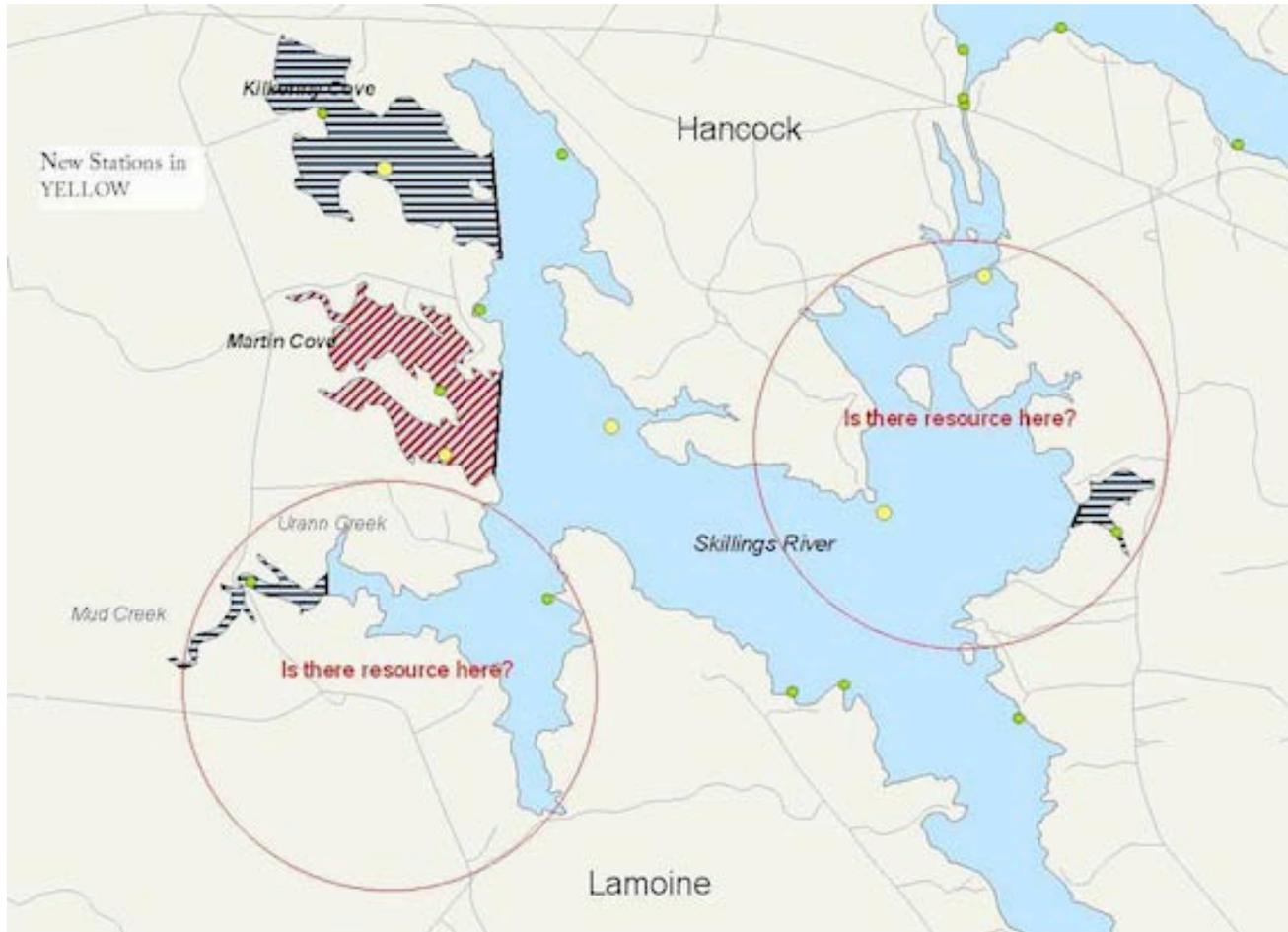
Note the general upward inclination of coliform scores



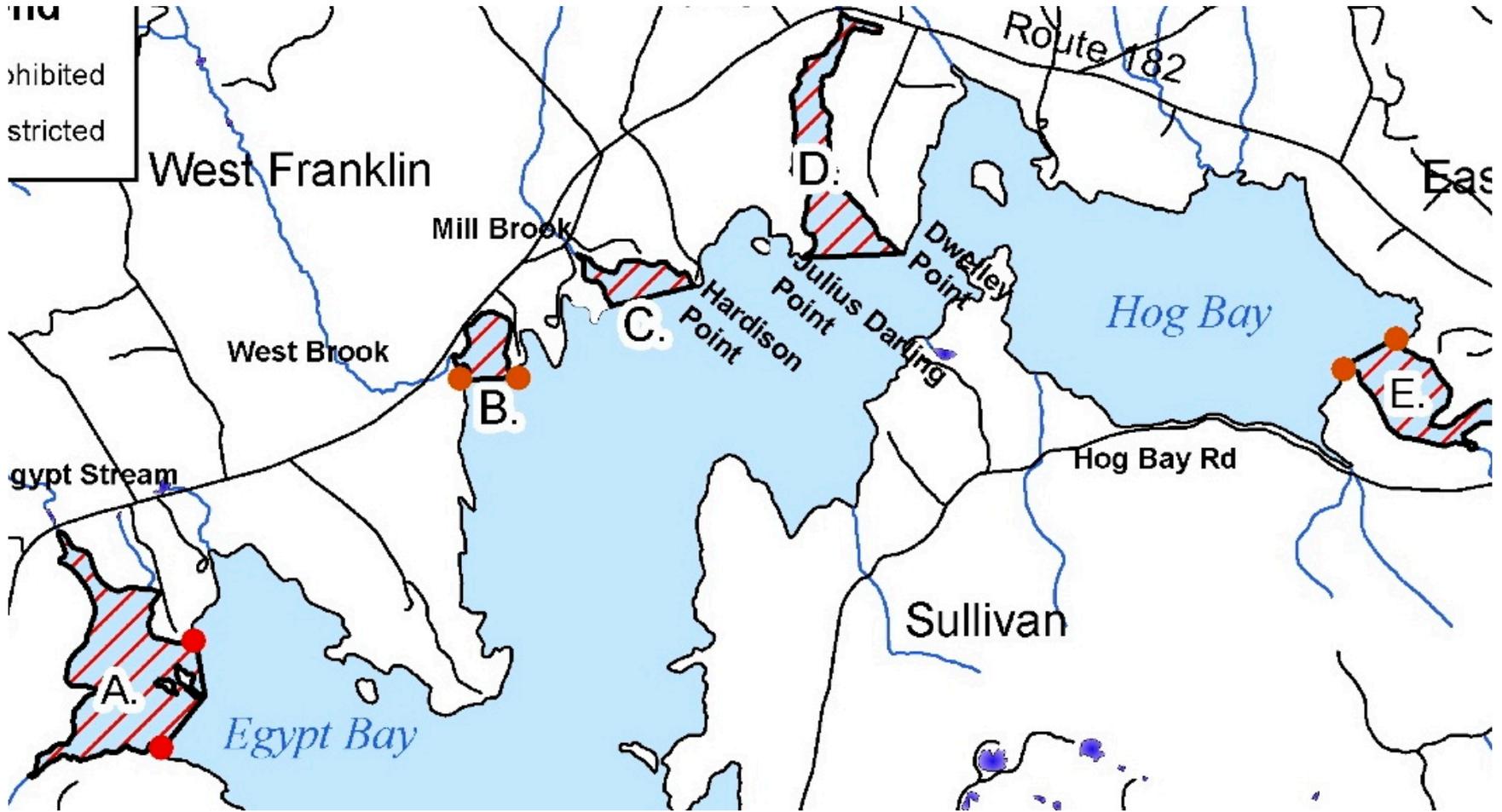
# Hog Bay, Taunton River Scores



# NOT OPEN FOR BUSINESS



# GOING OUT OF BUSINESS



# **RUN-OFF AND OBDS: COLIFORM FLOWS DOWN HILL**

## **SOME BARRIERS TO COLIFORM CONTAMINATION**

**WORKING SEPTIC SYSTEMS – ELIMINATION OF OBDS  
- SHORELINE VEGETATION –**

**STRONG SHORELAND ZONING REGULATION -  
AGRICULTURAL SSOPS AND BUFFER ZONES –  
SURVEYS, TESTING AND MITIGATION**

**THE BETTER THE BARRIER BETWEEN A COLIFORM SOURCE  
AND SHELLFISH GROWING AREA, THE SAFER THE SHELLFISH**

# **Suggested Best Practices**

- Strong uncompromising support for legislation and ways of doing business that enhance water quality.**
- Education in all sectors to raise awareness of the importance of clean water to human health and the sustaining Maine's economic viability**