

**ANNUAL SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT REVIEW**  
**for the period**  
**January 1st to December 31st, 2007**

**Municipality:** West Bath

**Date:** 01/18/07

The Shellfish Conservation Committee submits the following information in partial fulfillment of its responsibilities under Chapter 7 of the Department of Marine Resources Regulations and the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance of this municipality.

**Statement of Management Goals and Implementation Actions**

The goals of shellfish management for this municipality have been: (check only one of each pair)

- 1)  provide a harvesting opportunity for the maximum number of participants  
 maximize individual harvest by minimizing the number of participants
- 2)  increase the clam resource through various enhancement activities  
 maintain a sustainable yield through the vigorous use of production controls
- 3)  provide for recreational harvesting in preference to commercial harvesting  
 provide for commercial harvesting in preference to recreational harvesting
- 4)  maximize the economic value of the resource by adjusting production  
 maintain a constant production to provide a steady but variable income

The following management controls were utilized: (check all that apply)

- limit the number of commercial harvesters
- limit the number of recreational harvesters
- restrict times of harvest
- restrict the areas of harvest
- limit the amount of commercial harvest
- limit the amount of recreational harvest
- other:

The following management activities were undertaken: (check all that apply)

- predator protection through fencing, netting, trapping and etc.
- reseeding from high density areas or seeding with hatchery stock
- flat surveys to determine size distribution and density
- harvester surveys to obtain catch and effort data
- enhance natural seeding through brushing, roughing and etc.
- establishing conservation areas for flat rotation
- other: enhance natural seeding with shells to lower the acidity of the mud

**Shellfish Committee/Staff**

**Municipality:** West Bath

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Chair	<u>Warren Swanson</u>	<u>124 Bull Rock Rd, West Bath, ME 04530</u>	<u>443-4068</u>
Vice Chair	<u>James Hennessey</u>	<u>62 Hennessey Rd, West Bath, ME 04530</u>	<u>unlisted</u>
Secretary	<u>Paul Mateosian</u>	<u>54 Harbor Ridge Rd, West Bath, ME 04530</u>	<u>443-8019</u>
Member(s)	<u>Roger McNelly</u>	<u>81 Sanford Crossing Rd, West Bath, ME 04530</u>	<u>443-3773</u>
	<u>David Morin</u>	<u>166 Sabino Rd, West Bath, ME 04530</u>	<u>443-3362</u>
	<u>Wayne Renshaw</u>	<u>314 Houghton Pond Rd, West Bath, ME 04530</u>	<u>442-0468</u>
	<u>Shawn Schutt</u>	<u>9 Hidden Dr, West Bath, ME 04530</u>	<u>443-1192</u>
Selectmen/ Council Rep.	<u>David Bourget</u>	<u>166 Happy Nook Rd, West Bath, ME 04530</u>	<u>442-7477</u>
Wardens	<u>Douglas Alexander</u>	<u>24 Richardson Dr, Phippsburg, ME 04562</u>	<u>443-3114</u>
WQSpec(s)	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

**Committee Meetings**

The Shellfish Committee holds regularly scheduled meetings:  yes [ ] no

The following number of meetings was held during the past year: 12

Minutes of meetings are recorded, filed and are available upon request:  yes [ ] no

**Conservation Credit**

The opportunity to obtain conservation credit is provided:  yes [ ] no

The total number of conservation hours needed to obtain credit is 12.

Conservation credit is required to obtain a:  renewal license

[ ] new license

Conservation hours are given for:

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> meeting attendance     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> coastal cleanup | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> brushing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> committee service      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> surveys         | [ ] predator control                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational activities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> reseeding       | [ ]  |

If conservation credit is not provided, the total number of volunteer man-hours documented for management activities during the past year is:    .



**Shellfish Conservation Budget**

**Municipality:** West Bath

<b>License Receipts</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Sold</b>	<b>Received</b>
<i>Commercial</i>			
Resident	20	20	\$4,000
Nonresident	3	3	\$1,200
Senior Resident			\$0
Senior Nonresident			\$0
Junior/Student Resident	3	2	\$200
Junior/Student Nonresident			\$0
Other:			\$0
<i>Recreational</i>			
Resident	NL	84	\$1380
Nonresident	10%	9	\$270
Daily/Weekly/Monthly Res.			\$0
Daily/Weekly/Monthly Nonres.			\$0
Senior Resident			\$280
Senior Nonresident			\$0
Junior/Student Resident			\$20
Junior/Student Nonresident			\$0
Other:			\$0
SUBTOTAL (1)			\$7,050
<b>Receipts Independent of License Fees</b>			
Shellfish Conservation Account Carried Forward			\$19,972.78
Funds Raised for Warden			\$0
Funds Raised for Management Activities			\$0
Fines			\$0
Other			\$0
SUBTOTAL (2)			\$19,972.78
TOTAL Receipts (1+2)			\$27,022.78
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Warden Salary			\$7,434.57
Mileage			\$3,234.60
Clothing			\$0
Equipment			\$0
Training			\$0
SUBTOTAL (3)			\$10,669.17
Advertising			\$338.89
Supplies			\$27.49
Surveys			\$0
Seeding			\$0
Miscellaneous			\$1,070
SUBTOTAL (4)			\$1,436.38
TOTAL Disbursements (3+4)			\$12,105.55

**Proposed Management Controls**

**Municipality:** West Bath

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- limit the number of recreational harvesters
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- other:

**Proposed Shellfish Licenses**

<u>License</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost @</u>
<i>Commercial</i>		
Resident	20	\$200
Nonresident	3	\$400
Senior Resident	-	-
Senior Nonresident	-	-
Junior/Student Resident	3	\$100
Junior/Student Nonresident	-	-
Other	-	-
<i>Recreational</i>		
Resident	NL	\$20
Nonresident	10%	\$30
Daily/Weekly Monthly Res.	-	-
Daily/Weekly Monthly Nonres.	-	-
Senior Resident	NL	\$10
Senior Nonresident	-	-
Junior/Student Resident	NL	\$10
Junior/Student Nonresident	-	-
Other	-	-

License number determination is based upon:  calculation using survey data  
 survey data as a guide  
 harvester input  
 need/demand

The above numbers are:

- tentative, the actual numbers to be determined later
- firm, have been or will be submitted to DMR

**Proposed Management Activities**

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- establishing conservation areas for flat rotation
- other:

In order to implement these management activities the committee will utilize: (check all that apply)

- harvesters vested with conservation credit
- harvester volunteers
- paid harvesters
- municipal employees
- paid consultants
- other:

To provide a forum for harvester input in management planning, the shellfish committee plans to meet:

- annually
- biannually
- quarterly
- bimonthly
- monthly

Meeting notification for other than regularly scheduled meetings is by:

- mailing
- phone call
- posting
- newspaper
- word of mouth

In order to keep the DMR informed and to solicit advice on management activities, the shellfish committee will:

- request the area biologist to participate in all meetings
- request the area biologist to participate in only specific meetings
- invite the area biologist to attend all meetings
- invite the area biologist to attend only specific meetings



**Summary of Transplant Activities**

**Municipality:** West Bath

The following seeding / reseeding activities were conducted during the past year.

[ ] No seeding / reseeding activities were conducted.

	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4
Date	<i>5/19</i>	<i>5/20</i>		
Supervisor	<i>Warren Swanson</i>	<i>Warren Swanson</i>		
Crew #	<i>14</i>	<i>17</i>		
Amount	<i>22 bushels</i>	<i>24 bushels</i>		
Mean Size (in.)	<i>1/2</i>	<i>1/2</i>		
Size Range (in.)	<i>1/2 to 1</i>	<i>1/2 to 1</i>		
Source				
Source Flat	<i>Treasure Island</i>	<i>Gutway</i>		
Receiv. Flat	<i>Treasure Island</i>	<i>Back Cove</i>		
Netted (y/n)	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>		
Closed until	<i>8/1</i>	<i>not closed</i>		

	Event 5	Event 6	Event 7	Event 8
Date				
Supervisor				
Crew #				
Amount				
Mean Size				
Size Range				
Source				
Source Flat				
Receiv. Flat				
Netted (y/n)				
Closed until				

**Summary of Conservation Closures**

**Municipality:** West Bath

The following is a list of conservation closures implemented or in effect during the past year. (This table is for areas normally open.) [ ] No conservation areas were closed.

Conservation Area	Acreage	Closing Date	Opening Date	Days Closed*	Reason
<i>Broad Cove</i>	30	5/1	<i>Indefinite</i>	245	<i>Over-dug</i>
<i>Treasure Island</i>	5	5/1	<i>Indefinite</i>	245	<i>Reseeding</i>
<i>Dam Cove</i>	10	1/1	8/1	212	<i>Reseeding</i>

\*during 2007

**Summary of Conservation Openings**

The following is a list of conservation openings implemented or in effect during the past year. (This table is for areas normally closed.) [ ] No conservation areas were opened.

Conservation Area	Acreage	Opening Date	Closing Date	Days Open*	Reason

\*during 2007

**Additional Activities**

**Municipality:** West Bath

Spatfall Enhancement

The following is a list of activities to promote clam settlement such as brushing, flat roughing, tenting or netting.      No such activities were conducted.

Location	Date	Description

Predator Protection

The following is a list of activities to protect clams from predators such as trapping, netting and hand collecting.      No such activities were conducted.

Location	Date	Description

Other Activities

The following is a list of other activities that benefit, directly or indirectly, the management program such as educational projects, participation in regional councils and shoreline cleanup.      No such activities were conducted.

Location	Date	Description
<i>All shellfish areas.</i>	<i>5/2</i>	<i>Water Testing Training</i>
<i>All shellfish areas.</i>	<i>6/15</i>	<i>Water Test Sample Taking</i>
<i>All shellfish areas.</i>	<i>7/15</i>	<i>Water Test Sample Taking</i>
<i>All shellfish areas.</i>	<i>8/15</i>	<i>Water Test Sample Taking</i>
<i>Augusta</i>	<i>4/15</i>	<i>Legislative Meeting concerning DMR Water Testing</i>