

REQUEST FOR CONSERVATION CLOSURES / OPENINGS

“Prior to closing or opening an area of a municipality to shellfish harvesting the municipality shall review the status of the resource affected and secure the recommendation of the DMR area biologist and the approval of the commissioner.” **Maine DMR Regulation 7.50**

The following steps should be followed to gain the approval of the Commissioner in a timely manner.

PROCEDURE

1. Contact the Marine Resource Scientist responsible for your town.
His or her agreement will be required for any conservation action proposed by the municipality. (Find your Marine Resource Scientist on the Nearshore Marine Resources [Website](#).)
2. Fill out the application on the following page.
3. Submit the completed application, *at least 20 Business Days Prior* to the requested date, to the appropriate Marine Resource Scientist by one of the following methods:
 - A. Email (preferred):
Send the electronic completed form to:
DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov
 - B. By Mail (USPS): Mail the completed form to the address listed below

Nearshore Marine Resources Program
P.O. Box 8
West Boothbay Harbor, ME 04575

Advertising must be done no less than 5 business days prior to the scheduled event. Proof of advertising must be forwarded to the department.

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MARINE RESOURCE SCIENTIST:

DATE:

FROM TOWN:

Contact information for the town:

Name/Title:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

ORDINANCE SHELLFISH SPECIES TO
BE INCLUDED IN CLOSURE:

Soft Shell Clam

Quahog

Razor Clam

Surf Clam

American Oyster

European Oyster

OPEN

CLOSE

The following
shellfish area:

CLOSURES

Start Date:

End Date:

*Including an end date means you do NOT have to request an opening of the area.

Reason for closing the area?

Small clams

Winter digging

Flat rotation

Clam seeding

Other:

CHANGE IN EXISTING CONSERVATION AREA

Only fill out if you are opening a current closure.

What date would you like an existing closure to
open?

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

1. What is the State of Maine DMR Water Quality classification of the growing area?

Approved (Open) Prohibited (Closed)

Restricted (Depuration) Conditional Area

2. Who will enforce this conservation action?

3. How will the public be notified of the action? *A copy of the notification must be forwarded to DMR.*

IS THIS A RENEWAL OF PAST
CLOSURE?

YES

NO

If YES, do not complete the rest of this form.

Please write the description of the boundaries of the area and attach a map showing the area: