

GUIDELINES FOR MUNICIPAL SHELLFISH TRANSPLANT/RELAY APPLICATION

A permit from the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is required to possess undersized soft shell clams (*Mya arenaria*), hard shell clams (*Mercenaria mercenaria*), and European oysters (*Ostrea edulis*). A permit is also required for moving bivalve shellfish from areas closed due to pollution.

These guidelines should be followed while transplanting shellfish sourced from areas classified as Approved:

- 1) The activity will take place during daylight hours.
- 2) The activity will take place on designated days.
- 3) The activity should take place under the supervision of either the town's shellfish officer or a designee of the Shellfish Committee.
- 4) A Shellfish Transplant Activity Log should be sent to the Department within 20 days of activity.

In addition to the guidelines above the following requirements must also be adhered to while transplanting shellfish sourced from areas classified as restricted, conditionally restricted in the open status or prohibited:

- 1) All soft-shell clams harvested must be less than 1.5" in the longest diameter, all hard shell clams must be less than 1" hinge width, and all oysters must be less than 3" in the longest diameter. This is a no tolerance policy. (*Unless this is a relay transplant under certain conditions.)
- 2) Transplants may only take place under the supervision of the Municipal Shellfish warden, DMR staff member, or DMR authorized relay supervisor. The crew must remain in the permitted source area under immediate supervision. The supervisor must have the permit with them at all times.
- 3) A Shellfish Transplant Activity Log must be sent to the Department within 20 days of activity.

***Relay Transplants:** Only municipalities that have a warden with MCJA certification employed for at least 20 hours per week may apply for a larger than seed transplant permit. This is for relay purposes within Restricted or Conditionally Restricted Open Status areas. Please contact your Area Biologist to discuss if your community qualifies for this type of activity.

Any failure to comply with permit conditions may be grounds for refusal of future permit requests.

NOTE: Areas planted with shellfish taken from a Restricted area must be closed for a period of at least 60 days. Areas seeded with shellfish taken from Prohibited areas must be closed for a period of at least 6 months.

PROCEDURE

1. Completed applications must be submitted at least:
 - Twenty (20) days prior to the requested date for seed transplants.
 - Thirty (30) days prior to the requested date for transplants of product larger than seed and seed from out-of-state hatcheries

By mail to: Municipal Shellfish Program, DMR, PO Box 8, W. Boothbay Harbor, Maine

04575 By Fax: Shellfish Program coordinator 207-633-9515

Electronically (Email) to: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

2. Marine Patrol **must** be notified of the following:
 - A. Name and contact information of transplant supervisor
 - B. Source area and transplant area
 - C. Method and route of transport to include departure and arrival points.

Contact Marine Patrol at the following location(s): **Division I - W. Boothbay Harbor** (207-633-9595) or **Division II - Lamoine** (207-664-2392) during business hours on the morning of, or the day before the activity.

Region 1 - Ari Leach	Region 2 - Hannah Annis	Region 3 - Heidi Leighton
	Newcastle	Mount Desert
Kittery	Damariscotta	Bar Harbor
York	Bristol	Southwest Harbor
Ogunquit	South Bristol	Swans Island
Wells	Bremen	Gouldsboro
	Waldoboro	Steuben
Kennebunkport	Friendship	Milbridge
Biddeford	Islesboro	Harrington
Scarborough	Searsport	Addison
Cumberland	Stockton Springs	Jonesport
Yarmouth/N Yarmouth	Penobscot	Beals
Chebeague	Brooklin	Jonesboro
Freeport	Deer Isle	Roque Bluffs
Brunswick	Stonington	Machiasport
Harpwell	Blue Hill	
West Bath		Cutler
Phippsburg	Regional Committee	Whiting
Georgetown	Cushing	Lubec
Arrowsic	St. George	Edmunds/Trescott
Woolwich	South Thomaston	Pembroke/Perry
Wiscasset	Thomaston	
Westport	Warren	
Regional Committee	Regional Committee	
Boothbay	Franklin	
Boothbay Harbor	Hancock	
Edgecomb	Lamoine	
Southport	Sorrento	
	Sullivan	
	Trenton	
	Ellsworth	

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Mailing Address

Municipal Shellfish Program
DMR, P.O. Box 8
West Boothbay Harbor, ME 04575-0008

TO: _____ Date of Application: ____/____/____

FROM: The Town of: _____

Species to be transplanted: _____

Check one

___ Requests a permit to possess under-sized shellfish for the purpose of transplanting.

___ Requests a permit to relay legal-sized shellfish from a Restricted area.

___ Requests a permit for seed purchased from out of state hatchery.

Contact person for the town:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following:

1. Transplant supervisor: _____
Title: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

2. State classification of the source area: ___ Approved ___ Restricted ___ Prohibited

3. Shellfish source (Please attach map of area):

Cove or Flat Name: _____

Hatchery Name: _____

4. Date/time shellfish will be harvested or hatchery shellfish will be delivered/picked up -

Date: _____ Time(Start): _____

5. Area shellfish will be planted (Please attach map of area):

6. Date/time shellfish will be planted - Date: _____ Time(End): _____

7. How will the success of this project be monitored?

8. Is the planted area being closed to harvest? _____

9. Are predator controls being used? ___ No ___ Yes, Please describe:

TRANSPLANTING OR RELAY FROM PROHIBITED/RESTRICTED AREA

10. How will shellfish be moved to the planting site: ___ Boat ___ Vehicle ___ Other: _____

11. If shellfish are to be transported by vehicle, please indicate where the shellfish will be brought onshore:

Please note: NO overnight storage of shellfish from Prohibited or Restricted areas is allowed; such shellfish must be planted immediately.