

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN

for

Friendship

Friendship submits the following information as required by DMR Regulations Chapter 7.20, which states that the Shellfish Management Plan shall consist of:

- A. A written statement of goals and objectives the municipality plans to achieve as a result of its conservation program**
- B. A description of the various conservation measures the municipality intends to employ to reach those goals.**

Statement of Management Goals and Objectives

It is the goal of Friendship's Shellfish Management Plan to maximize individual harvest by limiting licenses for the harvesting of softshell clams and razor clams. We will emphasize commercial harvest by limiting recreational harvest. We will conduct enhancement activities to increase softshell clams and razor clams resources and will use closures to maintain softshell clams and razor clams.

Description of Conservation Measures

We plan to limit the number of licenses based upon the per capita population of the Town of Friendship and from testimonial information gathered through surveys conducted by the Shellfish Committee. With data collected from interviewing harvesters we are able to formulate a picture of the health of the flats and plan to use those data points to plan accordingly for the upcoming year. We also plan to do a flat survey to further our information on the current health of the flats, which seems to be in a good state at the moment.

