

# SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN for KENNEBUNKPORT

Kennebunkport 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 Goals:**

- To make the shellfish resource more available to harvesters by improving water quality

## **Objectives:**

- Licensing: limited licensing and limited dig days to maximize individual harvest
- Economic: emphasize recreational harvest
- Conservation: use closures and harvest limits to maintain resource levels

It is the goal of Kennebunkport's Shellfish Management Plan to maximize individual harvest by limiting dig days for the harvesting of softshell clams. We may conduct enhancement activities to increase softshell clam resources and will use closures to maintain softshell clams.

## **Description of Conservation Measures**

Examples of conservation measures include, but are not limited to:

- Limit the number of recreational harvesters
- Restrict the times and areas of harvest (conservation closures)
- Limit the amount of harvest per day for recreational harvesters and commercial harvesters
- Use predator protection through netting, trapping, etc.
- Reseeding from wild or hatchery stock
- Populations surveys of flats to determine resource abundance
- We will maximize individual harvest by limiting licenses. Population surveys may be carried out
- We may enhance the softshell clam resource by seeding with softshell clam seeds, and will be completed by Shellfish Committee Members, as well as by volunteers.