

Shellfish Management Plan

For

Towns of Pembroke and Perry

The towns of Pembroke and Perry submits the following information as required by DMR regulation 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 it's conservation program;
- B. A description of the various conservation measures the Municipality intends to employ to reach those goals.

It is the goal of Pembroke and Perry's Shellfish Management Plan to maintain a sustainable population of harvestable shellfish, primarily softshell clams, within the intertidal zone. We will emphasize maximizing opportunity for local harvesters while restricting harvest where we find overharvesting. Providing opportunities for local harvesters includes (i) maintaining access to flats, (ii) working to improve water quality or change potential sources of pollution to open currently closed areas, and (iii) work with partners to maintain water quality in existing open areas.

Description of Conservation Measures

Description of specific measures the joint municipal committee plan to take through 2024/25 to achieve these goals are:

- Provide unlimited commercial licenses for residents.
- Add or change regulations to softshell clams in areas where they become at risk of overharvesting, though harvest limits or conservation closures.
- Advocate for continued preservation and expansion of working waterfront and shore access within the 2 town's governance structures, due to gentrification and shoreline erosion, including both for a range of recreational and commercial use, both generally and specifically as input into the comprehensive plans in both towns.
- Improve access to information for harvesters on local venues, both online and hard copy, emphasizing both current regulations and transitory public health closures due to possible contamination of shellfish due to onshore pollution, algae bloom, or rainfall events.