

# **SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

## **for**

### **South Bristol**

South Bristol 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 conserve the shellfish resources in the Town of South Bristol to provide an income to commercial harvesters by licensing
- Limiting the number of harvesters by limiting licenses sold.
- To make the shellfish resource more available to harvesters by improving water quality and clam flats

Objectives:

Limit the number of licenses sold yearly. Work on condition of clamming areas through conservation, seeding and berm rebuilding projects.

Our goal in South Bristol is to limit licenses to ensure that there are maximum individual harvests of Soft shell clams (*mya arenaria*), Razor clams (*Ensis directus*) quahog or hard shelled clams (*merceraria mercenaria*) and American Oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*). We will conduct enhancement activities to increase softshell clam and quahog resources and will use closures to maintain surf clam and razor clam resources.

#### **Description of Conservation Measures**

Our goals will be reached through conservation methods including limiting the number of licenses sold and by conservation efforts (8 hours per year for each commercial license holder and 4 hours for non-resident student commercial license holders) We will also use predator trapping (for green crabs) in the areas that are used for clamming. Reseeding will take place on a yearly basis through hatchery stock.