

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN

for

Woolwich

Woolwich 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 Woolwich's Shellfish Management Plan to maximize individual harvest by limiting licenses for the harvesting of softshell clams quahogs, razor clams, and American oysters. We will conduct enhancement activities to increase softshell clam and quahog resources and will use closures to maintain razor clam and American oysters resources.

Description of Conservation Measures

The annual management plan for Woolwich consists of several options.

- Limited commercial and recreational licenses to ensure harvest pressure is minimized.
- License fees are used to employ marine patrol.
- Conservation effort options to licensees are re-seeding, green crab trapping, brushing, roughing mud, shoreline clean up, and meeting attendance including shellfish focus day at the Fisherman's Forum.
- Our ordinance also allows for harvesters to purchase conservation time to allow the extra revenue to be used for enforcement without which areas would go unguarded during grow out time. This year if harvesters choose conservation time we will focus on brushing and shoreline clean up.