

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN
for
Town of Addison

The Town of Addison 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 these goals.

It is the goal of the Town of Addison's Shellfish Management Plan to maintain sustainable populations of harvestable shellfish, including softshell clams, within the intertidal. We will emphasize maximizing the opportunity for local harvesters while restricting harvest where we find evidence of overharvesting. Providing opportunities for local harvesters includes: (i) maintaining access to mudflats, (ii) working to improve water quality or change potential sources of pollution to open currently closed areas, and (iii) working with partners to maintain water quality in open areas.

Description of Conservation Measures:

- Provide unlimited commercial licenses for residents.
- Add or change regulations to any overharvested species in our ordinance (softshell clams), either through town-wide limits to harvest or through conservations closures, in consultation with our DMR area biologists.
- Continue to improve re-population by re-seeding from wild or hatchery stock.
- Use protection such as brushing, domes, and the introduction of green crab traps, in an effort to reduce predators in re-seeded areas and various other places.
- Concentrate on areas where reproduction success rates are the highest.
- Enhance spatfall retention by using spat boxes and roughing up the mud.
- Working with neighboring town and local landowners to ensure access to the town intertidal zones.
- Continue to improve access to information for harvesters, emphasizing current regulations, conservations closures, and transitory public health closures of certain areas due to possible contamination of shellfish relating to onshore pollution, harmful algal blooms, and/or large rainfall events.