

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN
for
Scarborough, ME

Statement of Management Goals and Objectives

The Scarborough Shellfish Management Plan will maximize individual harvest and will maintain sustainable clam populations by limiting license numbers. The plan will emphasize commercial harvest by limiting recreational harvest more than commercial harvest. Conservation activities will be required for commercial license holders in accordance with the Scarborough Shellfish Conservation Ordinance to conduct enhancement activities to increase the resource.

Description of Conservation Measures

Recommendations for license numbers will be based on population resource surveys done at 10 flats available for sign up annually, and on DMR landings data from Scarborough over the previous five years. All license numbers are limited, and recreational digging tends to be limited in quantity as well to one peck. Night-time digging is not permitted.

Enhancement activities include but are not limited to Green Crab kills, Green Crab trapping, population surveys, and recruitment spat box deployment and recovery assistance with The Downeast Institute.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Scarborough Conservation Commission.

Noah Nygren, Chair
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