

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN for STEUBEN

Steuben submits the following information as required by DMR Regulation Chapter 7.20, which states that the Shellfish Management Plan shall consist of:

1. A written statement of goals and objectives the municipality plans to achieve as a result of its conservation program.
2. A description of the various conservation measures the municipality intends to employ to reach those goals.

Statement of Management Goals and Objectives:

The Town of Steuben's goals for sustaining the soft shell clam includes conserving the shellfish resources in the Town in order to provide an income to commercial harvesters as well as maintaining the flats so that recreational harvesters would still be able harvest. We will use enhancement activities as well as closures and harvest limits to increase our resource levels.

Description of Conservation Measures:

Each spring the Shellfish Committee uses brushing the flats to enhance spatfall. The committee members decide which flats will be done and they go pick the brush and then plant the brush. This is done as part of their requirements to obtain a license.

We have an ordinance that prohibits night digging at any time. Also our percentage of undersized clams is set at 5% which is lower than the States percentage of 10%.

Closing flats for summer and or winter harvesting as well as having harvest limits on certain flats are part of our conservation measures.

Green crab traps are used to help clean up on some of the predators.