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## **Shellfish Management Plan for Town of West Bath**

West Bath 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 West Bath's Shellfish management Plan to maximize individual harvest by limiting licenses for the harvesting of shellfish as described in the Marine Resources Conservation Ordinance and to make the shellfish resource more available to harvesters by improving water quality. We will conduct enhancement activities to increase resources. We will use closures to maintain resources levels.

### **Description of Conservation Measures**

The following conservation measures will be used to reach our goals:

- Limit the number of commercial licenses
- Utilize seasonal closures (as necessary) for conservation purposes
- Conduct reseedings
- Conduct population surveys of flats to determine resources