

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR
TOWN OF WHITING, MAINE

The town of Whiting submits the following information in accordance with DMR regulations chapter 7.2. The shellfish management plan should consist of:

A: A written statement of goals and objectives the town of Whiting hopes to achieve resulting from conservation measures taken

B: A description of aforementioned measures the town of Whiting hopes to use to achieve those goals.

It is the town of Whiting's goal to maintain a robust population of sustainable, harvestable soft shell clams within its boundaries. We are considering measures that will achieve a balance between maximizing the harvest of our local diggers and ensuring a robust harvest in future years.

Description of Measures:

- *Providing unlimited commercial licenses for our town residents
- *Exploring changes to the town ordinance (ex: eliminating or limiting the use of headlamps during nighttime hours)
- *Consulting with our DMR area biologist to facilitate conservation closures in heavily dug areas
- *Working with neighboring towns and local landowners to ensure access to the towns intertidal zones
- *Considering avenues to disseminate information about issues concerning the flats, quickly and thoroughly