

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN
for
Swan's Island
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Swan's Island 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 intends 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

To manage Softshell Clam resources in the Town of Swan's Island in order to provide an income to commercial harvesters by way of limiting non-resident licensing, opening and closing of flats, and minimizing size of softshell clams.

Description of Conservation Measures

Limiting non-resident commercial licensing: The Town Clerk shall issue licenses as allocated. On the first day of license sales, the total number of non-resident commercial licenses shall be issued in accordance with DMR Regulations Chapter 7.4 Section 1. Thereafter, non-resident licenses will be issued in accordance with the 10% rule as described in 12. M.R.S.A SS 6671 and DMR Regulations, Chapter 7.

Opening and Closing Flats: The Municipal Officers, upon the approval of the Commissioner of Marine Resources, may open and close areas for shellfish harvest.

Minimizing Size of Softshell Clams: It is unlawful for any person to possess softshell clams within the Town of Swan's Island, Hancock County, which are less than two (2) inches in the longest diameter (with the exception that they comprise less than 10% of any lot).