



Tisbury Shellfish Department

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August 2022:

General Housekeeping- monthly reports, patrolling, assisting the Harbor department out when needed, general maintenance of gear.

Highlights: busy with permit sales in the office and people digging in the ponds. We have been splitting scallop bags, there has been good growth of the seed scallop. There has been great growth for the quahogs as well. About half of the quahog rafts have been thinned out in Tashmoo and juvenile quahogs have been seeded on the eastern side of Tashmoo as well as Hillman Point. We have a lot of gear in the water, and we are slowly seeding and moving some of it in before the fall.

Continued with water nutrient sampling and Cyano testing with the MVC. August, we moved our experimental oyster cage from the West Arm of Lagoon to our experimental eelgrass area. Over the past month we the Tisbury Shellfish Department and the Shellfish Group had planted over 800 shoots in the rafts by snorkeling.

Select Board Meeting August 10, to discuss LP-1 expansion, SB granted the site expansion, I filled out the appropriate paperwork and submitted it to the Conservation Commission as part of the next steps for DEP and Con Comm approval.

In August we had seen some minimal rainfall which led to impromptu water sampling by the storm drainpipe between Packer's and the Shipyard in the Lagoon. Sampling was taken in the pipe and at over 100' out, in line with the docks. Levels of FCUs came back high in the storm drainpipe and none were found out >100'. For public safety DMF's decision to close the area from the end of Packer's pier to the end of the Shipyard's piers were made and there is a sampling plan in place, specifically just for this storm drainpipe.

We want to express our thanks to the Tisbury Waterways Inc. who gave us a generous donation of \$3000 for additional support in Tashmoo. And special thanks to Brendan Donnelly, who was our LPA intern for the past 10 weeks, is continuing to work with Shellfish Department for the next month.

Tisbury Shellfish CY 2021	
	As of August 31, 2022
Bay Scallops	--
Quahogs	820.5
Soft Shell Clams	17.5

Permits Sold Month of August 2022	
Shellfish Permits (90)	\$2775
Gauges (10)	\$50

Submitted by Danielle Ewart, Tisbury Shellfish Constable