

## **Tisbury Shellfish Department**

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July 2023:

Family Shellfish Day 7/8 the event was wonderful the entire Department along with past volunteers we hosted over 70 people for the event.

Continued getting bay scallops and quahogs from MVSG over 2 million quahogs and >4 million scallops, weather, predation, and food availability are just a few of the factors that go into how fast and how many grow. We have been out splitting bags and thinning rafts with the interns.

Trying to get a handle on the new reclassification of Lagoon with DMF, had several meetings with them on how we simplify the DSGAs with respect to current OB and VH mooring/anchoring regulations. Thus, the addition of the management plan to keep the areas open to shellfishing.

Other things: regular maintenance of boats and gear, mooring/anchoring checks in Lagoon and in Tashmoo. Regular water testing with DMF and MVC.

Meetings/events: FSD 7/8, SB meeting 7/12 & 7/26, LPA beach clean-up and light up the Lagoon 7/22.

Tisbury Shellfish CY 2023	
	As of July 31, 2023
Bay Scallops	
Quahogs	440
Soft Shell Clams	12

Permits Sold Month of July 2023	
Shellfish Permits (157)	\$3660
Gauges (8)	\$40

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