



Tisbury Shellfish Department

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March 2023:

Mid-March 3/17, the inner harbor was closed to shellfishing, due to the liveboards. Issues with lack of a pump out facility/ or logs of the vessels properly removing waste, the State couldn't allow us to keep the harbor open to shellfishing (NSSP guidelines). The issue has been resolved later this month liveboards moved, and we began to work with the State to reopen it. This month was a major win for Tashmoo as the SB enacted a ban on anchoring in the pond. After discussions with committees and stakeholders, and department heads we are implementing a ban on Tashmoo in part of a holistic approach of management from water quality to activities in and around the pond.

Also attended a Lagoon Pond Collaborative meeting, made up of businesses, pond groups, Shellfish Departments, MVC, MVSG, BOH, Planning board, and other stakeholders with the goal of coming together and share information of what's happening on the pond and inform everyone of what WQ testing, programs, and material we can all share. Chris Scott of Safe Harbors has set up a database I will be able to enter data into.

We are also in the process of hiring for seasonal and looking to fill the N.R. Assistant position after Colleen Wilson left. Donovan McElligott and I interviewed our other LPA intern; this year we will have 2. We go the Lagoon Pond herring run cleaned up and baffles in, with the help of the OB Water District and OB Shellfish.

Housekeeping: started preparing for the season, preparing for meetings, office stuff, etc.

Meetings: Shellfish Advisory Panel 3/2, SB meeting 3/8, MSOA 3/9, LPA 3/6, Lagoon Pond Collaborative 3/16, TWI 3/21, CZM coastal resiliency meeting 3/27. Missed: Zostrapalooza (annual eelgrass meeting), and a CWMP meeting, Waterways Committee meeting

Tisbury Shellfish CY 2023	
	As of March 31, 2023
Bay Scallops	
Quahogs	84
Soft Shell Clams	5.5

Permits Sold Month of March 2023	
Shellfish Permits (15)	\$490
Gauges (3)	\$15

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