



# Tisbury Shellfish Department

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September 2022:

This month we retrieved all our quahog rafts in both ponds (8 Tashmoo & 12 in Lagoon) and seeded quahogs in their respective ponds. This year the quahogs in the rafts in Tashmoo did wonderful, they grew from 1mm in size to ~1/2" in length over the course of a few months. Due to the dynamic nature of the Tashmoo flats, Nelson has placed experimental netting over a few seeded beds to try to protect them from predators. These areas are marked with signs. We have also been working on scallop lines-cleaning and changing over the bags. Between seeding some of the larger scallops out, we are also devising plans to overwinter the scallops successfully using suspended cages-last year our bottom cages failed.

This September I have continued to take water samples of the outfall pipe between the Shipyard and Packer's, and the data shows high concentrations of fecal coliform at the pipe but greatly reduced or nonexistent ~60' and 120' from the pipe.

Eelgrass project, there has been some setbacks due to the amount of wave action there is even though the rafts are >5' below the water wave action still effects that area, so we filled one of the rafts with sand up to the sides and replanted >100 shoots of eelgrass/4x4 area.

Brendan Donnelly's last day was September 28. He was a great employee who started as a great intern. He will be traveling this winter.

Meetings: SB 9/28, LPA 8/29, MVSG 9/14, Waterways Committee 9/15

Tisbury Shellfish CY 2021	
	As of September 30, 2022
Bay Scallops	--
Quahogs	882
Soft Shell Clams	19

Permits Sold Month of September 2022	
Shellfish Permits (25)	\$570
Gauges (0)	\$0

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