

Tisbury Shellfish Department

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June 2022:

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

<u>Highlights</u>: Family Shellfish Day was another success, we had a smaller but super enthusiastic crowd, it was June 18th and we had a host of volunteers, gear and our staff to guide novice diggers. We continue to put gear out into both ponds, 8 quahog rafts in Tashmoo and 10 are in the Lagoon, we set out two rafts for our eelgrass project.

Our Lagoon Pond Association intern is out and working with both OB and Tisbury Shellfish Departments, Brendan Donnelly is a recent graduate of MVPCS and is ready to assist us with our various projects and programs on the Lagoon.

In early June, DMF came over to survey the recent addition to Husselton Head Oysters. They surveyed an addition to the site in the Lagoon, and a site off West Chop. Together with the current site the applicant has 2 acres total for growing and harvesting oysters and bay scallops.

We have continued to assist the MVC with monitoring the nutrients and cyanobacteria in the ponds, and DMF with monitoring fecal bacteria.

June the MVSG reported seeing a Cochlodinium bloom which is an anomaly as we usually see this late in the summer. This bloom is harmful to shellfish, as they have seen mortality in the hatchery.

Meetings & presentations: DCPC committee for Tashmoo 6/2, LPA 6/6, Waterways Committee, 6/9, TWI 6/21.

Tisbury Shellfish CY 2021	
	As of June 30, 2022
Bay Scallops	
Quahogs	600
Soft Shell Clams	11

Permits Sold Month of June 2022	
Shellfish Permits (123)	\$3590
Gauges (6)	\$30

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