

Tisbury Shellfish Department

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March 2022:

General Housekeeping- monthly reports, patrolling, organizing, cleaning the office, preparation for meetings, etc.

<u>Highlights</u>: Set up initial meeting about Tashmoo DCPC with Ben Robinson, Maura Valley, Sheri Caseau, Dan Doyle, and Greg Martino.

Interviewed and hired applicant for the Natural Resource Department: Colleen Wilson.

Applied for the building permit for the Lagoon Boat ramp porta-potty. The coming summer season was funded by an Edey grant.

Set up interviews with potential LPA interns for a summertime position which will help both OB and Tisbury Shellfish Departments. Interviewed 3/31

The three-week ½ day MSOA shellfish constables course wrapped up on Monday the 28th with a 100+ question exam, Fred Benson, Kim Elias, and Nelson Sigelman all passed.

Got the baffles in the herring run with the OB Water District, and OB Shellfish Department. The camera will be installed later with the OBSD.

Emma Green-Beach of MVSG presented at the WC meeting with our eelgrass restoration plan in the Lagoon. Site was selected for various reasons, including water depth, where it was last seen, current uses (minimal boating/shellfishing) and using various techniques, seed bags, direct planting, predator control, etc. The presentation was also made at the Select Board meeting 3/30.

Attended the eelgrass conference via MS Teams, Zostrapalooza is an annual event, put on by Phil Colorusso, where we hear from presenters around the country and their efforts in restoring, monitoring, learning all things eelgrass, this is well attended and several constables and others from the island listened in.

Harvested quahogs for MVSG to condition and spawn. MVSG spawned bay scallops 3/8, this is the earliest they ever did.

Helped the Harbor Department move dinghies, to our dinghy lot and some to the dump as they were completely trash. DPW also assisted with taking a few larger pieces out.

<u>Meetings & presentations</u>: Stormwater pipe meeting 3/3 Lagoon Pond Association 3/7, Waterways Committee 3/10, Edgartown Great Pond Foundation: Cyanobacteria Talk 3/15, Initial DCPC meeting Tashmoo 3/29, Zostrapalooza (eelgrass conference) 3/30. Select Board meeting 3/30, Cape Pogue DCPC- Edgartown 3/31

Tisbury Shellfish CY 2021	
	As of March 31, 2022
Bay Scallops	
Quahogs	269.5
Soft Shell Clams	4.5

Permits Sold Month of March 2022	
Shellfish Permits (15)	\$700
Gauges ()	\$

Submitted by Danielle Ewart, Tisbury Shellfish Constable