



# Public Hearing

## Revisions to Recreational Shellfishing and Aquaculture License Regulations

The Provincetown Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Judge Welsh Room, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657 to receive comments from the public on the following requests:

The Provincetown Shellfish Committee recommends the following Changes to Regulations:

### Recreational Shellfishing:

- 1) The Provincetown tidelands shall be closed to the taking of quahogs, soft-shelled clams, oysters and mussels *razor clams* except in areas designated by the Board of Selectmen under the conditions herein imposed.
- 2) The Town Clerk, to any legal resident or real estate taxpayer, upon receipt of a \$15.00 annual fee shall issue a family permit for the non-commercial recreational taking of shellfish. Residents or taxpayers shall be issued a free shellfish permit at age 65 or older. The fee for a non-resident shellfish permit is \$50.00 and the fee for a weekly permit is \$25.00. *Annual permits are valid for one year beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- 4) The weekly limit for recreational permit holders for any combination of quahogs, soft-shelled clams, oysters and *razor clams* is either one level 10 quart pail or a peck shellfish basket. No other containers are allowed. The surf clam limit is 2 pecks per week and may be taken any day with no time of year restrictions *from MA DMF approved or conditionally approved areas with an open status.* If bay scallops are abundant the Shellfish Constable will post notice of open season and the recreational limit shall be two pecks per week.
- 5) Certain days of the week may be specified for the recreational taking of quahogs, oysters, *razor clams* and soft-shelled clams. This information will be posted in the Town Clerk's office. Harvesting is limited to daylight hours, sunrise to sunset.
- 6) No permit is required for sea worms, moon snails, periwinkles and mussels, which may be taken year round *from MA DMF approved or conditionally approved areas with an open status.*

### Aquaculture Licenses:

- 2) Applicants desiring an aquaculture license shall be required to complete and submit all information required on the Town's approved application form. The applicant shall provide the exact location of the individual one or two-acre site in the form of GPS numbers designating the corners.

28C) A License holder with sites within the ADA shall post a \$10,000 compliance bond naming the Town of Provincetown beneficiary.

Comments may be submitted in writing to the Office of the Board of Selectmen, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657 or [selectmen@provincetown-ma.gov](mailto:selectmen@provincetown-ma.gov) by Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017 or in person at the hearing.

*Cheryl L. Andrews  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen*

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