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TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

RECREATIONAL OYSTER HARVEST LIMIT Under the authority of Town of Barnstable shellfish regulation 407-5 (7)

OYSTERS

RECREATIONAL HARVEST LIMIT: Effective Saturday January 2, 2026 the recreational harvest limit for oysters is one half peck (5 dry quarts) per calendar week.

LEGAL SIZE OYSTER: Minimum legal harvest size is three (3) inches longest length.

OYSTER SEASON CLOSURE: Effective **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**, the recreational harvest of oysters is prohibited throughout the Town of Barnstable.

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT: The Natural Resources Office reserves the right to prohibit the harvest of shellfish at any time in any area of the Town for management purposes.

SCUDDER LANE RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING AREA

The Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area in Barnstable Harbor is open for the **recreational** harvest of shellfish, effective **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**, except for portion(s) of the area defined and marked by yellow buoys, which will remain closed for shellfish propagation projects and/or scientific research project protection. (For more details see related notices of shellfish management closures for said projects.).

Effective **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**, the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area in Barnstable Harbor is closed to the harvest of all shellfish.

The Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area extends from the sign post near the beach house west of the Scudder Lane Landing to the Barnstable Yacht Club pier, and extends to the Huckins Island tidal flat.

Adopted: 12/19/25


Mark S. Ellis, Town Manager