



# Town of Barnstable

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## TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

### SCUDDER LANE RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING AREA

Effective **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**, the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area in Barnstable Harbor is open for the **recreational** harvest of shellfish, except for a 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 signpost near the beach house west of the Scudder Lane Landing to the Barnstable Yacht Club pier and extends to the Huckins Island tidal flat.

### OYSTERS

Effective **Wednesday November 5, 2026** Town of Barnstable waters currently open to the harvest of soft shell clams and quahogs are open for the **recreational** harvest of oysters.

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

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

**RECREATIONAL HARVEST LIMIT:** Not more than one half peck (5 quarts dry measure) per calendar week.

**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.

Adopted: 12/19/25

  
Mark S. Ells, Town Manager