



Tisbury Shellfish Department

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July 2022:

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

Highlights: The porta-potty is installed, and an enclosure is built around it at the Lagoon landing, thanks to the LPA, and the grant they received from the Edey Foundation. The Shellfish Department painted and installed signage that says "Tisbury Shellfish Permits Required" to the osprey pole in Tashmoo, as another part of public awareness.

July has proven to be busy as we now have 15 scallop lines in the Lagoon and another one loaded with bags of scallops over in Tashmoo. The scallops are doing well, and we have been cleaning and splitting them up into more bags. As of the end of July, we have received over 300 bundles of scallops (roughly 1000 scallops/bundle).

We continue to take the State and the Water resources planner, from the MVC out regularly. The department has also collected a sample of "discolored" water down at Lake Street, to find out that the prevailing bloom is a *Prorocentrum*, and with the help of A DMF specialist it was determined that it's a non-toxic variety.

We have had a compliance issue with one of our private aquaculture regulations and I have been setting up meetings to work with the applicant. So far, the issues have yet to be resolved.

The Shellfish Department has a lot of gear out in both ponds over 20 quahog rafts, at least 15 scallop lines and cages and >30 crab traps, it's important to keep an eye on our gear as the ponds are heavily used by boaters, kayakers, etc. and if there is anything out of place, we always recover it. We also have been educating people about the use of the facilities, boating regulations on the water and at the landings.

Meetings & presentations: LPA annual meeting 7/16,

Tisbury Shellfish CY 2021	
	As of July 31, 2022
Bay Scallops	--
Quahogs	720.5
Soft Shell Clams	12.5

Permits Sold Month of July 2022	
Shellfish Permits (140)	\$3600
Gauges (21)	\$105

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