



Shellfish Department

Public Notice

Additional Area for Bay Scallops ONLY to Open for the Remainder of the 2019-20 Season

The area labeled on maps as CCB4.6 – Area in Provincetown Harbor East of Johnson Street will be open to the public for recreational harvest of **Bay Scallops ONLY** on Sundays and Fridays beginning February 14, 2019 and ending Sunday, March 29, 2020. Harvesting is limited to daylight hours, sunrise to sunset.

This area is classified as restricted by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. A provision in MGL c.123 § 74 allows for the harvest of *Argopecten irradians* (bay scallops) from restricted and prohibited areas but it is **ESSENTIAL** to the public health that no other species is harvested.

The harvest limit shall be two pecks (ten-quart baskets) per week in addition to the mixed shellfish limit.

Any bay scallop, not stranded, and harvested from beneath the water shall meet the requirements described in 322 CMR 6.10. A simple interpretation of this State regulation is to harvest animals with a shell height (a straight line measurement from the middle of the hinge to the opposing valve margin) of 2.5 inches or greater.

Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office. Fees are \$15.00 for residents and \$50.00 for non-residents valid yearly beginning November 1st as well as a weekly permit for the fee of \$25.00. Residents or taxpayers shall be issued a free shellfish permit at age 65 or older.

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