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Selectmen's Meeting
May 18, 2020*

**HARBORMASTER
DEPARTMENT**
*Town of Duxbury
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

TOWN CLERK
2020 MAY 18 PM 12:03
DUXBURY, MASS.

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Jake B. Emerson, Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable
DATE: May 14, 2020
RE: Recommendations - Bonus Shellfish Season

As prescribed in the Board of Selectmen's Manual, Shellfish Rules and Regulations, the Board of Selectmen may declare from time to time Bonus Shellfish Seasons.

Ongoing Shellfish Department surveys and daily monitoring indicate abundant shellfish resources within the Town of Duxbury.

Because of abundant shellfish resources, may I make the following recommendations:

- 1) Declare a temporary Bonus Shellfish Season for the commercial harvesting of softshell clams for the month of JUNE. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment B & C)
- 2) Declare a temporary Bonus Shellfish Season for the commercial harvesting of quahog clams for the month of JUNE. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment A & C)
- 3) Declare a temporary Bonus Shellfish Season for the recreational harvesting of Soft Shelled Clams for the month of JUNE. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment D)

These proposed recommendations are to be considered special seasons and not annual events and further may be amended by the Board of Selectmen at any time. If approved the requirements of MGL CH. 131, including posting notices, etc. will be complied with.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for considering this request.
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Attachment A

TEMPORARY, SPECIAL SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

Temporary, Special Shellfish Regulations (T.S.S.R.): Chapter II, Section C -Resident/Combination Commercial Shellfish License.

4. Bonus Shellfish
 - a. Quahog only.
 - b. Season - month of JUNE starting JUNE 1 and ending JUNE 30, 2020.
 - c. Bag limit - 3 bushels of little necks per week, 3 bushels of cherrystones or chowders per week
 - d. A bushel shall be measured by dry volume not to exceed 32 dry quarts.

Other Restrictions:

- (1) Areas of harvest, the entire town is open with the exception of those parts closed due to pollution or propagation or private grants.
- (2) There shall be no commercial harvesting of quahog inside, shoreward or within the 500' line at any time.
- (3) Weekly commercial quahog reports stating the amounts harvested, size and percentage taken, area dug and market sold will be due the last day of the month dug. The reports will be furnished by the Town of Duxbury.
- (4) The amended Duxbury Shellfish Rules and Regulations shall apply where applicable.
- (5) Bonus season not to be regarded as an annual event.

Attachment B

TEMPORARY, SPECIAL SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

Temporary, Special Shellfish Regulations (T.S.S.R.): Chapter II, Section C -Resident/Combination Commercial Shellfish License.

4. Bonus Shellfish

- a. Softshell only
- b. Season - month of JUNE starting JUNE 1 and ending JUNE 30, 2020.
- c. Bag Limit - 3 bushels per day, maximum 12 bushels per week.
- d. All Shellfish (softshell) commercially harvested shall be landed and transported within an approved measured (32 dry quart) container. The approved container, as an example, shall have an inside measured diameter no larger than 10" height by 18" length by 12" width. The effective date for this section shall be January 15, 1998.

Other Restrictions:

- (1) Area of harvest, the entire town is open with the exception of those parts closed due to pollution or propagation or private grants, including areas otherwise so stated within.
- (2) There shall be no commercial harvesting of softshell inside, shoreward or within 500' line at any time.
- (3) Weekly commercial softshell reports stating amounts harvested, areas dug and market sold will be due the last day of the month dug. These reports shall be furnished by the Town.
- (4) The amended Duxbury Shellfish Rules and Regulations shall apply where applicable.
- (5) Bonus season not to be regarded as an annual event.

Attachment C

TO: Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

DATE: May 14, 2020

FROM: Jake B. Emerson, Harbormaster

RE: Amended Shellfish Regulations

I would like to recommend the following shellfish regulations:

A. Duxbury Shores: Amend the shellfish regulations to allow the commercial harvesting of soft shell clams and Quahog within 500 feet of the mean high tide mark, within the area of Duxbury Shores, from Cove Street Landing (Back River) to the 126 Crescent Street pier. Inclusive of all approved waters with the exception of those parts closed due to pollution or private shellfish leases. Expire JUNE 30, 2020 and excludes Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. *Please note.

B. Duxbury Beach: Amend the shellfish regulations to allow for the commercial harvesting of Soft-shell Clams within 500 feet of the mean high tide mark. Expires JUNE 30, 2020 and excludes Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. *Please note.

*Please note: All amended Shellfish Rules and Regulations, law, terms and conditions shall apply.

Attachment D

NOTICE - Recreational- BONUS SHELLFISH SEASON- Soft Shell

As prescribed in the Duxbury Shellfish Rules and Regulations "the Board of Selectmen may from time to time declare a bonus season on soft shelled clams (steamers)."

The recreational bonus shellfish season for Soft Shell Clams (steamers), will be for the month of **JUNE 2020** on **Wednesdays** only with a bag limit as prescribed in the Shellfish Rules and Regulations at six (6) quarts per week per family permit.

All the Shellfish Rules and Regulations, law, terms and conditions shall apply.

This is a bonus season and not to be regarded as an annual event.

