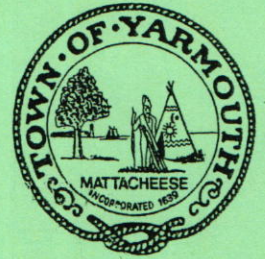


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AMENDMENT TO SHELLFISH REGULATIONS
COMMERCIAL USE
SOFT SHELL CLAMS AND QUAHOGS

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DIRECTOR

EFFECTIVE DATE: Saturday, June 1, 2019

TIME: Follins Pond - 8:30 A.M. to Sunset (Monday through Saturday)

Lewis Bay - 7:00 A.M. to Sunset when using a hydraulic pump or Sunrise to Sunset

SHELLFISHING PERMITTED: - Bass River, SC-35 and Lewis Bay, SC-28 Monday - Saturday

OPEN AREAS: Bass River -SC-35 from the "No Shellfishing" signs located at the mouth of Muddy and Weir Creeks in Follins Pond, in a southerly direction to the Route 6 Bridge, is open to the Commercial taking of Quahogs and Softshell clams as of June 1, 2019. **Lewis Bay** - SC-28, All areas not listed as closed will revert to an open status for the harvest of Quahogs and Softshelled Clams, **ONLY** when Follins Pond-SC-35 is closed due to more than .20 inches of rainfall during the period from May 15, 2019 to December 1, 2019.

CLOSED AREA: Bass River- SC-33 (south), and SC-34 (center), Parkers River and Seine Pond SC-30.3, Mill Creek and Hallet's Pond CCB-29, Hyannis Park SC-28.2, the Lewis Bay Recreational Shellfish Areas from the break water at the end of Cove Rd. north to the break water at Englewood Beach and west from the break water at Englewood Beach to the break water at Mill Creek, Inside Pine Island Cove, Sweetheart Creek SC-28.10 and Mill Creek SC-28.5 are closed to the Commercial harvest of shellfish. All other areas not listed as OPEN are CLOSED.

LIMIT: Follins Pond SC-35 - Four (4) level legal limit bushel boxes of Quahogs including not more two (2) level legal bushels of mixed necks **OR** Two (2) level legal limit boxes of Softshelled Clams.

Lewis Bay SC-28 - Two (2) level legal limit bushel boxes of Quahogs **OR** Two (2) level legal limit bushel boxes of Softshelled Clams.

SIZE: No Quahogs measuring less than one inch (1") across the hinge and no Softshelled Clams measuring less than two inches (2") in the longest diameter shall be taken.

NOTE: May 15, 2019 starts the Rainfall Closure in SC-35 (Follins Pond) through December 1, 2019.

During this time shellfishing may take place after 8:30 A.M. No hydraulic pumps may be used for the harvest of Quahogs. **All boats must leave and land from the boat ramp at Englewood.**

The use of Jerk Rakes is prohibited in areas that contain populations of Soft shelled Clams.

THIS AMENDMENT SUPERSEDES ALL OTHER COMMERCIAL SOFTSHELL CLAM AND QUAHOG REGULATION AMENDMENTS.

Per order of the Board of Selectmen:

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