TOWN OF TRURO

Shellfish Harvesting Guide

Туре	Minimum Size		Weekly Limits
Mussels	2 inches	1	Combined Weekly Catch Limit of One (1) Ten-Quart Bucket
Razor Clams	3 inches		except for Oysters, which may constitute not more than
Softshell Clams	2 inches	>	half (1/2) of the ten-quart weekly limit
Oysters	3 inches	1	(Weekly is defined from 12:00am Sunday thru 11:59pm Saturday)
Quahogs	1 inch across the hinge		

-	Bay Scallops	Closed.	The Shellfish Constable may open the taking and establish catch limits	
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Sea Clams	5 inches	Two (2) Ten-Quart Buckets per week

Additional Comments:

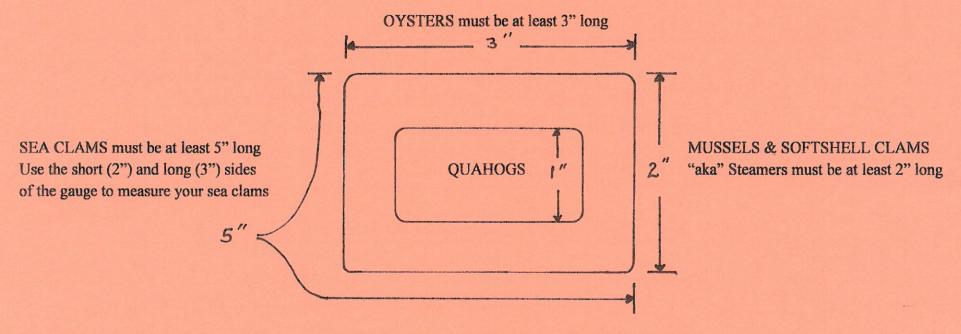
- 1) All limits are measured "in the shell". Field shucking is not permited.
- 2) The limits for Sea Clams are separate from the limits for for all other shellfish
- 3) Razor Clams may only be taken by hand digging and scratching only. No salting is allowed

Shellfishing Season(s): By Location

- 1) Pamet Harbor & Basin -- Every Sunday between Nov 1st Apr 30th
- 2) Truro Bay Beaches -- Open daily for shellfishing year-round

(Subject to closures at the descretion of the Shellfish Constable)

How To Properly Use A Shellfish Measuring Gauge



If a Quahog fits through the middle opening of the gauge, it is too small and must be returned to the flats.

Please help us promote growth of undersized shellfish by covering them with sand so that birds don't eat them and they can live another day filtering our waters and creating habitat for other marine life. Allowing shellfish to grow to legal limits ensures that they have a chance to reproduce and create the next generation of shellfish that will enhance our ecosystem AND our dinner tables!