

REMINDER

Warwick Cove Quahog Transplant Into Greenwich Bay Shellfish Management Area and Potowomut Spawner Sanctuary

Thursday May 2nd

- The transplant will occur between **8 A.M. and 12 P.M.** and bags will be handed out at **Bela Vista Marina** (28 Seminole St. Warwick) in Warwick Cove along the dock. The bag limit will be determined by the number of participants on the day of the transplant with an initial handout of 20 bags per participant.
- Participants will be paid **\$15 per 50-pound bag** and will be responsible for dumping the clams into the respective receiving areas within the Greenwich Bay Shellfish Management Area (see map below for the two receiving area options).
- **Licensed shellfishers** wishing to participate in the transplant should **report to the on-scene DEM Enforcement officer by 8 A.M. located at the Bela Vista Marina dock on the day of the transplant.** The officers will **collect licenses** to facilitate accounting. Licenses will be returned after participants have dumped the quahogs into the receiving area and returned to Bela Vista Marina for a final boat inspection.
- Once participants have **completed digging**, they must return to the Bela Vista Marina for a **final bag count** to ensure proper accounting. At this point **5 bags from each participant** will be handed off to one of the DEM lobster transport boats that will be docked at the Bela Vista Marina. These bags of quahogs will then be dumped into the **Potowomut Spawner Sanctuary** by the DEM Division of Law Enforcement and the Division of Marine Fisheries staff.
- Once Participants have handed off the 5 bags for the spawner sanctuary and had a bag count recorded by the Narragansett Bay Commission staff, they will be allowed to transit to either one of the **two designated receiving areas within Greenwich Bay Shellfish Management Area** (see map below). A DEM Enforcement boat will be patrolling the dumping of the quahogs.
- **PLEASE RETURN TO BELA VISTA MARINA AFTER DUMPING THE QUAHOGS FOR A FINAL BOAT INSPECTION AND LICENSE RETURN**
- The Narragansett Bay Commission will be paying the transplant participants and asks that anyone who has not participated in a transplant within the past three years to complete a **W-9 form** in advance to submit to their staff. Link to the form: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>
- The transplanted shellfish dumped into the Greenwich Bay Shellfish Management Area will be unavailable for harvest until December 2024.

Below is a map of the transplant area with the boundary lines in red. Clams will be transplanted from Warwick Cove south of a line at Winstead's Marina at 41.692N -71.389W (41° 41.529'N -71° 23.354'W) to 41.692N -71.394W (41° 41.503'N -71° 23.614'W) and north of a line located the shellfish closure line from the southeastern most riprap jetty at the entrance to Warwick Cove 41.684N -71.393W (41° 41.033'N -71° 23.565'W) to the southern end of Dorr's Dock on Warwick Neck 41.683N -71.39W (41° 40.975'N -71° 23.425'W)

All harvested clams will be transplanted into two areas (north and south) within the western section of 8A in waters greater than 5 feet (red hashed areas on the map). The northern dump location runs from Baxter Creek 41.69N 71.43W (41° 41.12'N 071° 26.04'W) to the end of Budlong Farm Rd 41.69N 71.43W (41° 41.11'N 071° 25.58'W) and out from shore to the southwest 41.68N 71.43W (41° 41.01'N 071° 26.04'W) and southeast 41.68N 71.43W (41° 41.01'N 071° 25.58'W) corners of the area. The southern dump location runs west of Sally Rock Point 41.67N 71.43W (41° 40.26'N 071° 25.64'W) along the coast towards Goddard Memorial State Park Beach 41.67N 71.43W (41° 40.11'N 071° 25.88'W) and out from shore to the northwest 41.67N 71.43W (41° 40.23'N 071° 26.01'W) and northeast 41.67N 71.43W (41° 40.38'N 071° 25.77'W) corners of the area. Clams designated for the Potowomut Spawner Sanctuary will be dumped by the DEM Division of Law Enforcement and the Division of Marine Fisheries.

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