



# Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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## Meeting Notice SHELLFISH ADVISORY PANEL (SAP)

Wednesday March 5, 2025, 4:30PM

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### AGENDA

Agenda item ( <i>items italicized are linked directly to the meeting material</i> )	Recommended action(s)
1. Providence River: harvest schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Submitted industry/stakeholder proposals</i></li></ul>	Provide recommendation to the Council regarding prospective rule change ( <b>opportunity for public comment will be provided</b> )
2. DEM OWR Shellfish Program Water Quality Update for Growing Area 3-3 (Portsmouth) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Growing area map</i></li></ul>	FYI only or recommendation for future agenda items(s)
3. 2025 Shellfish Transplants update	FYI only or recommendation for future agenda items(s)
4. Any other matters	Discussion only; recommendations for future agenda/action
5. Adjourn	

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	Hours Open	Poss. Limit	Total Days	2025 Summer/Fall Schedule	2025 December Schedule	2026 Winter Schedule	Additional notes
Proposal 1	2 hrs 8-10 AM	6 bu/ person/ day; max 12 bu/ vesl/ day	64	May 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28 June 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 July 1, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 August 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28 September 2, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 October 1, 6, 13, 20, 27	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September goes to 2 days a week &amp; October to 1 day a week</li> </ul>
Proposal 2	2 Hours	3 bu/ person/ day; max 3 bu/ vesl/ day	52	May 1 <sup>st</sup> – November 30 <sup>th</sup> First available day Monday – Friday of each week	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> First available day Monday – Friday of each week	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> – Apr. 31 <sup>st</sup> First available day Monday – Friday of each week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holidays if they want to throw us a couple of extra days</li> </ul>
Proposal 3	None	None	None	Closed	Closed	Closed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providence River Area E be designated a spawner sanctuary, closed to harvest.</li> </ul>
Proposal 4	3 Hours	3 bu/ person/ day; max 6 bu/ vesl/ day	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Proposal 5	3 Hours	1 bu/ person/ day, max 1 bu/ vesl/day	104	2 days/ week	2 days/ week	2 days/ week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Days of the week not specified</li> </ul>
Proposal 6	N/A	3 bu/ person/ day; max 3 bu/ vesl/ day	52	A single, fixed harvest day (e.g., M, T, W, Th, or Friday) each week, or next available day pending water closures	Same as Summer	Same as Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change unless determined to be reaching sustainable yield</li> </ul>
Proposal 7	3 hrs 8-11 AM	6 bu/ person/ day; max 12 bu/ vesl/ day	18	April 1 – October 31; 1 Day per week	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add unused days from prior year to available days</li> </ul>
Proposal 8	3 hrs 8-11 AM	6 bu/ person/ day; max 12 bu/ vesl/ day	26	May 12 – Oct 31 (23 days) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 12 – 16: 1 day/week</li> <li>May 19 – 23: first 2 non-consecutive days</li> <li>May 27 – June 20: 1 day/week 1<sup>st</sup> available weekday</li> <li>June 23 – Aug 29: 2 days/ week first 2 nonconsecutive weekdays</li> <li>Sept 2 – Oct 31: 1 day/week first available weekday</li> </ul>	(3 days) Dec 15 -19: first 2 available nonconsecutive weekdays. Dec 22 – 26: first available weekday (excluding Dec 25)	2026 winter and spring schedule will be set at the fall 2025 SAP to allow review of 2025 openings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed July 4<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
Proposal 9	3 hrs 8-11 AM	6 bu/ person/ day; max 12 bu/ vesl/ day	38	May 6 – Oct 28 (26 days)  1 day/ week every Tuesday	Dec 9 – Dec 30 (4 days)  1 day/ week every Tuesday	Jan 13 – May 1 (8 days)  1 day/week every other Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No hard cap on days open</li> <li>If a rainy summer and is not open for 15 days between May – Dec, potentially add additional days to the winter schedule without exceeding one day per week.</li> </ul>
Proposal 10	3 hrs 8-11 AM	6 bu/ person/ day; max 12 bu/ vesl/ day	20	April 1 – October 31; 1 Day per week	2 days	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add unused days from prior year to available days</li> </ul>
Proposal 11							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change the status of the Providence River SMA to a conditional area similar to areas A and B conditional areas.</li> </ul>

# Providence River Proposals Continued



- Proposal for Commercial Shoredigging
  - Open on Monday and Wednesday from sunrise to sunset at 6 bushels per person per day.

\*The current commercial shoredigging schedule aligns with the commercial boat harvest schedule, which does not always allow for access due to the tides.

# DEM OWR reclassification of GA3-3

