

Providence River Shellfish Management Area Harvest Schedule (effective May 6, 2025)

4.7 Bay Quahog

4.7.2 Season

W. Providence and Seekonk Rivers Shellfish Management Area:

1. Recreational shoredigging: Open daily.
2. Recreational other than shoredigging: Closed.
3. Commercial shoredigging: Open sunrise to sunset only on days open to commercial other than shoredigging pursuant to § 4.7.2(W)(4) and 4.7.2(W)(5) of this Part.
4. Commercial other than shoredigging 2025 harvest schedule: Open only from 8:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on the following dates:
 - a. May 6, 13, 20, and 27.
 - b. June 3, 10, 17, 24, 26, and 30.
 - c. July 2, 8, 15, 17, 22, 29, and 31.
 - d. August 5, 12, 14, 19, 26, and 28.
 - e. September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.
 - f. October 7, 14, and 21.
 - g. December 12.
 - h. Fishery closure 2025: The area will close once twenty-three (23) days have been open to harvest for the schedule from May 6 through December 13.
 - i. December 14 through December 20, 2025: Open only on the first two (2) non-consecutive weekdays that are not closed due to water quality impairment.
 - j. December 21 through December 27, 2025: Open one (1) weekday on the first available weekday that is not closed due to water quality impairment, not including December 24 and 25 which shall be closed.

5. Commercial other than shoredigging 2026 harvest schedule: Open one (1) weekday from 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. on the first available weekday that is not closed due to water quality impairment during the following weeks:
 - a. February 8 through 14.
 - b. February 22 through 28.
 - c. March 8 through 14.
 - d. March 22 through 28.
 - e. April 5 through 11.
 - f. April 19 through 25.
6. On days closed in this area, the taking or possession of bay quahog is prohibited, and all gear used in the taking of bay quahog shall be stowed.
7. On days open as specified herein, all gear used in the taking of bay quahog shall be stowed except during the scheduled opening.
8. On days open as specified herein, possession of bay quahog is prohibited forty-five (45) minutes after a scheduled closure.
9. A vessel in possession of bay quahog harvested in an open area of State waters may transit a closed portion of State waters in possession of that species, provided the operator of the vessel has a valid fishing license, and all gear capable of harvesting shellfish is stowed.

4.7.3 Possession Limit

B. Shellfish Management Areas

3. Commercial: Three (3) bushels per person per day, except for the following:
 - c. Providence/Seekonk Rivers Shellfish Management Area:
 - (1) Multipurpose and Standard license holders: Six (6) bushels per person per day.
 - (2) Harvesters shall only harvest by a single method in a calendar day, either from a vessel or by shoredigging.
 - d. A maximum of two (2) commercial possession limits per vessel per day is authorized in Shellfish Management Areas when two (2) licensed persons are on board the vessel.