

SCALLOPS

Under the provisions of Sections 26-257a and 26-292 of the State of Connecticut General Statutes, the Shellfish Commission of the Town of Stonington has adopted the following regulations concerning the taking of scallops in the waters of the Town of Stonington.

1. Scalloping is permitted in all Town of Stonington waters during the scallop season. **The season opens at sunrise on October 15th and closes at sunset on March 31st the following year.**
2. No person shall take any scallops from Town waters without having first obtained a permit issued by the Shellfish Commission or by a vendor designated by the Shellfish Commission.
3. The scallop season limits will be publicly posted and advertised by the Shellfish Commission.
4. The daily limit for scalloping is 1/2 bushel per license. The daily limit is one bushel per boat.
5. Scalloping is permitted only between sunrise and sunset.
6. The scalloping permit and catch must be immediately available for inspection upon demand by Shellfish Commission members or designated enforcement officers of the Town of Stonington or the State of Connecticut.
7. No scallops shall be taken which can pass through a ring of 2-inch inside diameter and harvested scallops must have a growth ring.
8. Scalloping may only be done from a drifting boat and only with an 8-inch diameter scoop net. All other methods are illegal.
9. No person shall return to the waters the shells or entrails of any scallop, nor any starfish.
10. Any person who violates any scalloping regulation is subject to fine, or imprisonment, or both. The court may order that a permit not be issued for the remainder of the open season.



Town of Stonington  
Shellfish Commission

RECREATIONAL  
SHELLFISHING REGULATIONS

**PERMIT FEES. The permit allows the holder to harvest clams, oysters and scallops in accordance with the attached regulations. It is valid from April 1st to March 31st the following year.**

**Note: The following fees are for permits purchased in person at Stonington Town Hall. The fees for on-line permits are less.**

**Yearly Permit \$40.00:Stonington Residents/Stonington Tax Payers  
\$55.00:Non-residents  
\$40.00:Non-resident Seniors (65 & over)  
\$25.00:Stonington Resident Seniors (65 & over)  
\$25.00:Youth Permit (13, 14 & 15 years).**

**Daily Permit \$30.00:All categories. Valid only on the date printed on the permit**

No permit is required for children 12 years and under when they are accompanied by a permitted adult. Daily harvest limits for one person apply.

Non-residents who are Stonington taxpayers are considered to be Stonington residents.

This pamphlet contains regulations governing recreational shellfishing in Town of Stonington waters. The map on the reverse side shows those areas in which recreational shellfishing for clams and oysters is permitted.

The Town of Stonington does not require a shellfishing permit for the harvest of blue mussels. However, State policy restricts recreational harvest to 1/2 bushel per day, in approved shellfishing areas ONLY. There are no size restrictions for mussels

Income to the Shellfish Commission from the sale of permits is used to support improvements to recreational shellfishing in Stonington.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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CLAMS AND OYSTERS

Under the provisions of Sections 26-257a and 26-291a of the State of Connecticut General Statutes, the Shellfish Commission of the Town of Stonington has adopted the following regulations concerning the taking of clams and oysters in the open and conditionally open waters of the Town of Stonington.

1. No person shall take any clams or oysters from Town waters without having first obtained a permit issued by the Shellfish Commission or by a vendor designated by the Shellfish Commission. The person named on the permit shall carry the permit VISIBLY ON THEIR PERSON WHILE SHELLFISHING.
2. The daily limit for recreational shellfishing with a permit shall be one -half bushel per day per person for clams and/or 30 oysters.
3. Shellfishing is permitted only between sunrise and sunset.
4. The shellfishing permit and catch must be immediately available for inspection upon demand by Shellfish Commission members or designated enforcement officers of the Town of Stonington or the State of Connecticut.
5. No hard clams shall be taken which can pass through a ring of 1.5 inch inside diameter and no soft clams less then 1.5-inch long. Oysters must be a minimum of 3” in length.
6. No tongs, tong rakes, or other devices with spaces or openings between the teeth or prongs of less than 1 inch shall be used for the taking of hard or soft clams.
7. No SCUBA or free diving for oysters.
8. Any person who violates any shellfishing regulation is subject to fine, or imprisonment, or both and the court may order that a permit not be issued for one year from the date of conviction.
9. Harvested shellfish are FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION ONLY. Selling the shellfish is not permitted.
10. Respect waterfront property owners. Do not trespass on private property to access shellfish grounds.
11. **During warm weather, cool shellfish immediately after harvest and keep them cool until they are cooked.**