



**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
SHELLFISH PERMIT**

PERMIT # _____

FEE \$ _____

DATE: _____

CASH \$ _____

TEL. # _____

CHECK \$ _____

PERMISSION GRANTED TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Taking shellfish, seaworms and eels within the Town limits is subject to the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Mattapoisett.

1. Regular Shellfish Permits are valid through December 31. Senior Citizen Gold Shellfish Permits are valid for the lifetime of the owner.
2. RESTRICTIONS:
 - a. Permit holders are only allowed to fish ONCE per week per given species.
 - b. Limits are listed below.

| TYPE | SIZE NOT LESS THAN | LIMIT Monday-Sunday | PERMITTED Sunrise to Sunset |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Quahogs | 1" in thickness | 1 Peck | year round |
| Clams | 2" in length | 1 Peck | Fri-Sat-Sun (Closed season-June 1-Sept 15) All Dates Inclusive |
| Oysters | 3" in length | 1 Peck | Oct. 1-Apr. 1 all week |
| Scallops | Must show annual growth line | 1 Bushel | Nov. 1-Apr. 1 subject to change all week |
| Eels | | 30 | all week |

- c. Shellfish shall not be taken from areas closed by the Town or State.
 - d. Shellfish shall be measured BEFORE placing in receptacle.
 - e. Shellfish, seaworms, or eels NOT to be sold.
 - f. Shellfish cannot be taken by skin, scuba or snorkel divers
 - g. Eeling is limited to five (5) traps.
 - h. Permit holders must utilize a standard round wire peck basket.
 - i. Only one (1) round wire peck basket is allowed per permit per species.
3. Permit holder MUST provide name & Permit number, when requested by Shellfish Constable or other enforcing officer.
 4. The Permit must be conspicuously displayed on the person.
 5. Use of permit is limited to immediate family members residing with Permit holder.
 6. Children under 12 years may only take shellfish on this permit when under the supervision of Permit holder.
 7. All Permit holders shall allow the Shellfish Constable, Deputy Shellfish Constable, Police Officer or other enforcing officer to examine any boat, receptacle or vehicle to check shellfish therein.
 8. All seed turned up in digging must be covered.
 9. Orange Shellfish Parking Placard is not valid at the Town Beach or the Town Wharf.
 10. Rules are subject to change at Selectmen's discretion.

**11. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE REGULATIONS SHALL RESULT IN
REVOCATION OF SHELLFISHING PRIVILEGES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.**

CLERK _____

BOARD OF SELECTMEN