

## TOWN REPORT FOR 2013

THE NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT IS INVOLVED IN MANY DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE HAVE BEEN GROWING OYSTERS TO DISPERSE IN THE AREAS OF TOWN WHERE THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OYSTERS. WE'VE REPLANTED QUAHOGS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON PROGRAMS THAT WILL ENHANCE OUR SHELLFISHING RESOURCES.

WE SOLD 673 SHELLFISH PERMITS IN 2013. WE ARE WORKING ON PROJECTS TO ENHANCE THE COMMERCIAL QUAHOGGING INDUSTRY IN OUR TOWN. WE HAVE NOT SOLD ANY COMMERCIAL QUAHOG PERMITS SINCE 2009. WE HAVE SOLD SCALLOP PERMITS.

THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON A MORE TIMELY WAY TO GET DOG OWNERS TO LICENSE THEIR DOG! IF YOU LOVE THEM, LICENSE THEM! THERE WILL BE CHANGES TO OUR GENERAL BI-LAWS. BEING ABLE TO BRING A LOST DOG HOME BECAUSE HE HAS A TAG ON IS OUR GOAL. PLEASE, AS A PET OWNER HELP US REACH THAT GOAL.

IN 2013 WE RESPONDED TO 293 CALLS FROM ANIMAL RELATED TO SHELL FISH.

WE WORK WELL WITH THE LOCAL AGENCIES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS. AS ALWAYS WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

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