

# RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH LIMITS

## New York State Marine & Coastal District



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Conservation

NYS Recreation Marine Fishing Registry is **not required** for taking shellfish recreationally. Local towns may have additional restrictions, for more information please contact the town in which you are harvesting from.

**Shellfish may be taken only from areas designated as certified (or open) for harvest**, check our website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/103483.html> for official shellfish closure maps.

While shellfishing use the interactive **NYSDEC Public Shellfish Mapper** on your mobile device to understand where shellfish harvesting areas are open and closed. Make sure you have your location service turned on, and the site will show where you are in relation to open harvest areas.

Visit [on.ny.gov/shellfish](http://on.ny.gov/shellfish) and follow the link to the **NYSDEC Public Shellfish Mapper**.

To properly measure your shellfish, please check our website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/29870.html>

**For further information contact DEC's Shellfish Bureau at (631) 444-0492.**

These regulations may change, please visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/29870.html> for the most updated version. **The official regulation by the Department of State are the official source of DEC regulations.**

SPECIES	Hard Clam	Soft Clam	Oyster	Blue Mussel	Bank Mussel	Bay Scallop Open Harvest Season First Monday in Nov. – March 31	Sea Scallop	Surfclam	Ocean Quahog
SIZE LIMIT	1 inch thickness at hinge	1-1/2 inch length	3 inches at longest diameter	None	None	2-1/4 inches length from mid hinge to mid bill & must have annual growth ring	None	3 inches <b>OR</b> 4 inches in Atlantic Ocean for use as food	None
CATCH LIMIT	100 clams	½ bushel	½ bushel	½ bushel	1 bushel	1 bushel	1 bushel	1 bushel	1 bushel
NOTES	No more than one bushel ( <b>combined total volume</b> ) of clams, oysters, and mussels allowed per day. Additionally, during open scallop season, one bushel of scallops may be taken.								