



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

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Policy Number	SB-043024
Title	COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH LICENSES
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1. PURPOSE

From time to time, when shellfish stocks reach a quantity that will support a sustainable commercial shellfish harvest that will not adversely affect recreational shellfish opportunities, the Select Board may issue a limited entry commercial shellfish permit for a designated species at the recommendation of the Shellfish Constable.

2. POLICY GUIDELINES

Due to the limited entry nature of the commercial shellfish permits the following conditions will be enforced by the Select Board and the Shellfish Constable:

- A. A fee to be determined by the Select Board for the Commercial Shellfish License shall be paid on time and before the use of said license. Failure to pay the fee upon demand will result in automatic revocation of the license.
- B. Town of Plymouth Residents shall receive preference for commercial shellfish licenses. The discretion to issue commercial shellfish licenses to non-resident applicants shall be at the Select Board's discretion.
- C. The Commercial Shellfish License Holder shall comply with the Town of Plymouth Shellfish Regulations and all applicable State and Federal regulations and reporting requirements.

- D. The Shellfish Constable has the authority to suspend a commercial license immediately due to a violation and/or public health concern. The License holder may request a hearing with the Select Board to decide if the license should be re-activated or revoked based on the facts of the violation.
- E. Any Commercial Shellfish License holder who fails to exercise his or her license for a one-year period will be subject to review. If the License holder does not provide sufficient reason for the non-use of said license, the license will not be renewed the following calendar year and be made available to another interested party.
- F. Commercial Shellfish License holders in good standing that wish to renew their license shall notify the Shellfish Constable in writing of their intent prior to November 1st each calendar year.
- G. Beginning on November 1st each year, any person interested in a commercial shellfish license should make their interest known to the Shellfish Constable. If there are any commercial licenses that are not renewed or available for the following calendar year, the interested parties will be offered the license on a first come, first serve basis as the requests were received.
- H. The Select Board reserves the right to revoke and/or suspend individual commercial shellfish licenses or shellfish harvest at any time with good cause shown.

3. APPLICABILITY

The policy is applicable to all Town of Plymouth Commercial Shellfish License holders present or in the future.

4. QUESTIONS

Please contact the Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

Signed By:


Chairman, Select Board


Town Manager

5.14.24
Date

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