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AMENDMENT TO TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SHELLFISH REGULATIONS SCALLOP REGULATIONS

Effective **Wednesday, October 1, 2025** scallops may be harvested recreationally subject to existing scallop regulations.

Effective **Wednesday, October 1, 2025** scallops may be harvested commercially subject to existing scallop regulations. Harvest by commercial permit on Sunday is prohibited.

LEGAL SIZE SCALLOP: CMR 322 6.11

Prohibition on harvest and possession of seed scallops.

No person shall land or possess scallops without a well-defined growth line and that growth line shall measure at least 10 millimeters from the hinge of the shell.

Exception. Bay Scallops that have a well-defined raised annual growth line located less than 10 millimeters (mm) from the hinge of the shell, shall be lawful to harvest and possess if the shell height is at least 63.5 millimeters or 2.5 inches.

RECREATIONAL HARVEST LIMIT: One (1) level tote basket, as defined, per week, may be harvested daily.

COMMERCIAL HARVEST LIMIT: Not more than four (4) level tote baskets, as defined, per day.

CLOSED SEASON: **April 1** to opening date in October or November as regulated by the Town.

Adopted: 9/25/25


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