

ANNUAL SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT REVIEW
for the period
January 1st to December 31st, 2005

Municipality: Damariscotta Date: Feb - 23 - 06
NEWCASTLE

The Shellfish Conservation Committee submits the following information in partial fulfillment of its responsibilities under Chapter 7 of the Department of Marine Resources Regulations and the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance of this municipality.

Statement of Management Goals and Implementation Actions

The goals of shellfish management for this municipality have been: (check only one of each pair)

- 1) provide a harvesting opportunity for the maximum number of participants
RA maximize individual harvest by minimizing the number of participants
- 2) increase the clam resource through various enhancement activities
 maintain a sustainable yield through the vigorous use of production controls
- 3) provide for recreational harvesting in preference to commercial harvesting
LA provide for commercial harvesting in preference to recreational harvesting
- 4) maximize the economic value of the resource by adjusting production
 maintain a constant production to provide a steady but variable income

The following management controls were utilized: (check all that apply)

- limit the number of commercial harvesters
- limit the number of recreational harvesters
- restrict times of harvest
- restrict the areas of harvest
- limit the amount of commercial harvest
- limit the amount of recreational harvest
- other _____

The following management activities were undertaken: (check all that apply)

- predator protection through fencing, netting, trapping and etc.
- reseeding from high density areas or seeding with hatchery stock
- flat surveys to determine size distribution and density
- harvester surveys to obtain catch and effort data
- enhance natural seeding through brushing, roughing and etc.
- establishing conservation areas for flat rotation
- other cleaning flats & ~~seeding~~ Shore Cleanup

Shellfish Committee/Staff

Municipality: Damascus/ Newcastle

Title	Name	Mailing Address	Telephone
Chair	<u>John Thomas</u>	<u>44 School St. Damascus</u>	<u>563-6316</u>
Vice Chair	<u>Robert Wallace</u>	<u>P.O. Box 494 Newcastle, Maine</u>	
Secretary	<u>John + Tiffany Thomas</u>	<u>44 School St. Damascus</u>	<u>563-6316</u>
Member(s)	<u>Charlie Lincoln</u>	<u>River R.D. Newcastle</u>	
	<u>Shane McFarland</u>	<u>779 State Rd. 129 Walpole</u>	
Selectmen/ Council Rep.			
Wardens	<u>Sid Geyer</u>	<u>604 Boothbay Rd. Edgcomb.</u>	<u>882-9637</u>
WQSpec(s)			

Committee Meetings

The Shellfish Committee holds regularly scheduled meetings: yes no

The following number of meetings was held during the past year: 6

Minutes of meetings are recorded, filed and are available upon request: yes no

Conservation Credit

The opportunity to obtain conservation credit is provided: yes no

The total number of conservation hours needed to obtain credit is 12 hrs.

Conservation credit is required to obtain a: renewal license

new license

Conservation hours are given for:

- meeting attendance
- committee service
- educational activities

- coastal cleanup
- surveys
- reseeding

- brushing
- predator control
- _____

If conservation credit is not provided, the total number of volunteer man-hours documented for management activities during the past year is _____.

Summary of Warden Activities

Municipality: DAM / NEWC

Hours Patrolled: 450
 Diggers Checked: 100
 Warnings Given: 7
 Summon Issued: 1
 Court Appearances: 1
 Convictions: _____

Enforcement of the shellfish management ordinance has been: satisfactory
 unsatisfactory

Enforcement could be improved by: more hours patrolled better training
 more wardens greater state support
 better equipment other _____

The warden is provided with a written job description: yes no

Production Data Collected by the Warden

Month	Avg. Daily Catch/Digger		Avg. # of Diggers/Day		Total # of Days Dug	=	Total Lbs or Bushels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
January	1	X	3	X	8	=	24		
February	1		5		10		56		
March	Ice								
April	2		10		15		156		
May	2		4		20		80		
June	2		6		25		150		
July	2		10		20		200		
August	2		5		22		110		
September	2		4 Flats Closed,		10		40		
October	2		5	"	8		40		
November	1		5	"	5		25		
December	3		8	"	12		96		
					TOTAL		965		

Warden(s) Sid Geyer Training Date 4-29-04 Nomination Date 6-28-00 - present.

Shellfish Conservation Budget Worksheet (last complete fiscal year)

6/1/05-5/31/06 7/1/04-6/30/05

License Receipts	Allocation	Sold	Received
<i>Commercial</i>			
Resident	22	24	\$ 4900.
Nonresident	4	4	\$ 1000.
Senior Resident			\$ -0-
Senior Nonresident			\$ -0-
Junior/Student Resident			\$ -0-
Junior/Student Nonresident			\$ -0-
Other			\$ -0-
<i>Recreational</i>			
Resident	35	32	\$ 160.
Nonresident	10	4	\$ 40.
Daily/Weekly/Monthly Res.			\$ -0-
Daily/Weekly/Monthly Nonres.			\$ -0-
Senior Resident			\$ -0-
Senior Nonresident			\$ -0-
Junior/Student Resident			\$ -0-
Junior/Student Nonresident			\$ -0-
Other			\$ -0-
SUBTOTAL (1)			\$ 6100.
Receipts Independent of License Fees			
Shellfish Conservation Account Carried Forward			\$ 22710
Funds Raised for Warden			\$ -0-
Funds Raised for Management Activities			\$ -0-
Fines			\$ -0-
Other			\$ -0-
SUBTOTAL (2)			\$ 22710
TOTAL Receipts (1+2)			\$ 28810
Disbursements			
Warden Salary			\$ 2658.
Mileage			\$ 633.
Clothing			\$ -0-
Equipment			\$ 700.
Training			\$ -0-
SUBTOTAL (3)			\$ 3991.
Advertising			\$ 215.
Supplies			\$ 344.
Surveys			\$ -0-
Seeding			\$ -0-
Miscellaneous			\$ 243.
SUBTOTAL (4)			\$ 802.
TOTAL Disbursements (3+4)			\$ 4793.

Proposed Management Controls

Municipality: DAM/NEWC

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- other _____

Proposed Shellfish Licenses

<u>License</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost @</u>
<i>Commercial</i>		
Resident	<u>22</u>	\$ <u>1.50</u>
Nonresident	<u>4</u>	\$ <u>2.50</u>
Senior Resident	_____	\$ _____
Senior Nonresident	_____	\$ _____
Junior/Student Resident	_____	\$ _____
Junior/Student Nonresident	_____	\$ _____
Other	_____	\$ _____
<i>Recreational</i>		
Resident	<u>35</u>	\$ <u>5.00</u>
Nonresident	<u>10</u>	\$ <u>10.00</u>
Daily/Weekly Monthly Res.	_____	\$ _____
Daily/Weekly Monthly Nonres.	_____	\$ _____
Senior Resident	_____	\$ _____
Senior Nonresident	_____	\$ _____
Junior/Student Resident	_____	\$ _____
Junior/Student Nonresident	_____	\$ _____
Other	_____	\$ _____

- License number determination is based upon:
- calculation using survey data
 - survey data as a guide
 - harvester input
 - need/demand

The above numbers are:

- tentative, the actual numbers to be determined later
- firm, have been or will be submitted to DMR

Proposed Management Activities

Municipality: Dam / Newc

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- establishing conservation areas for flat rotation
- other _____

In order to implement these management activities the committee will utilize: (check all that apply)

- harvesters vested with conservation credit
- harvester volunteers
- paid harvesters
- municipal employees
- paid consultants
- other _____

To provide a forum for harvester input in management planning, the shellfish committee plans to meet:

- annually
- biannually
- quarterly
- bimonthly
- monthly

Meeting notification for other than regularly scheduled meetings is by:

- mailing
- phone call
- posting
- newspaper
- word of mouth

In order to keep the DMR informed and to solicit advice on management activities, the shellfish committee will:

- request the area biologist to participate in all meetings
- request the area biologist to participate in only specific meetings
- invite the area biologist to attend all meetings
- invite the area biologist to attend only specific meetings

Summary of Transplant Activities

Municipality: DAM / NEWC

The following seeding / reseeded activities were conducted during the past year.
 No seeding / reseeded activities were conducted.

	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4
Date (m/d)				
Supervisor				
Crew #				
Amount				
Mean Size (in)				
Size Range (in)				
Source Hatchery				
Source Flat				
Receiv. Flat				
Flat Prep (y/n)				
Netted (y/n)				
Closed until				
	Event 5	Event 6	Event 7	Event 8
Date				
Supervisor				
Crew #				
Amount				
Mean Size (in)				
Size Range (in)				
Source Hatchery				
Source Flat				
Receiv. Flat				
Flat Prep (y/n)				
Netted (y/n)				
Closed until				

Conservation Closures and Openings

Municipality: Dam / New

Summary of Closures

The following is a list of conservation closures implemented or in effect during the past year.

No conservation areas were closed. (This table is for areas normally open.)

Conservation Area	Acreage	Closing Date	Opening Date	Days Closed*	Reason

*during 2005

Summary of Openings

The following is a list of conservation openings implemented or in effect during the past year.

No conservation areas were opened. (This table is for areas normally closed.)

Conservation Area	Acreage	Opening Date	Closing Date	Days Open*	Reason

*during 2005

Additional Activities

Municipality: Dam / Newc

Spatfall Enhancement

The following is a list of activities to promote clam settlement such as brushing, flat roughing, tenting or netting. No such activities were conducted.

LA

Location	Date	Description

Predator Protection

The following is a list of activities to protect clams from predators such as trapping, netting and hand collecting. No such activities were conducted.

RA

Location	Date	Description

Other Activities

The following is a list of other activities that benefit, directly or indirectly, the management program such as educational projects, participation in regional councils and shoreline cleanup. No such activities were conducted.

RA

Location	Date	Description