

**ACADIAN SEAPLANTS LIMITED
ROCKWEED HARVESTING GUIDELINES**

The following Harvesting Guidelines are to be respected by each individual rockweed harvester, without any exception.

1. Rockweed must be harvested in a manner that will ensure re-growth of the plants and a sustainable yield for the areas being harvested.
2. Hand harvesting techniques only will be permitted.
3. A harvester must use an instrument that cuts the plants. An approved hand cutting tool only is to be utilized in the harvest of rockweed.
4. When harvesting rockweed, a harvester must not intentionally injure the plant's holdfast or remove this part of the plant from the substrate.
5. When harvesting rockweed, care is to be taken to minimize physical disruption to the substrate. Rocks or plants with rocks attached are not permissible.
6. A harvester must leave a minimum sixteen inches (16) of rockweed attached to the substrate, including the lowest lateral branches still attached to the main stalk.
7. All harvesters must fill out a landing report and return it to the Resource Manager on the due date and time on a weekly basis.
8. All rockweed harvesters must obtain a proper seaweed harvesting license from the Department of Marine Resources prior to harvesting.
9. All harvesting boats are to be registered with the proper authority.
10. All harvesting boats must have proper safety equipment required by law.
11. All harvesters are responsible for the proper maintenance of the cutter rake, which includes secured cut height guards and daily sharpening of the cutting blades.

All harvesters are required to report to their respective Resource Manager on a minimum weekly basis for harvesting instructions for the following week.