

Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance Amendments 11/5/24

The proposed changes to the Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance are considered mostly “housekeeping” changes requested by the Maine Department of Marine Resources, prior to the Shellfish Licensing Year in March of 2025.

These amendments include:

- changing definitions to be more inclusive with the shellfish species that are regulated,
- defining Senior Resident and Senior Non Resident categories,
- removing the “Lifetime Recreational License” (*Note: The Select Board has the authority to waive fees for Recreational Harvesters over 65, however the licenses must be renewed annually*), and
- modifying current language to bring the ordinance into compliance with Chapter 7 of the Maine Department of Marine Resources Rules/Regulations that requires municipalities to issue 10% of its Non Resident Recreational Licenses based on the number of Resident Recreational Licenses sold in the previous year.

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