

Marine Resources Committee Mission Statement

The Harpswell Marine Resource Committee is charged with coordinating and administering the shellfish conservation program. The Committee will advise and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding changes in the number of licenses to be issued, conservation closures, and other issues that arise under the Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance. The Committee will: maintain records of shellfish surveys of all Harpswell clam flats and make sure the surveys remain current; cooperate with and assist the Department of Marine Resources in carrying on any shellfish- related work in the Town; and make an annual written report to the Town.

Each Town Committee shall adhere to the Committee Guidelines as revised from time to time and attached here.

Goals:

1. Work with DMR Biologist in identifying problem grow areas and problems with the current Harpswell conservation seeding program.
2. Identify two (2) coves that are in restricted/closed classification and the work that needs to be done in these areas to regain access to the resource. Work with DMR to return areas to open status.
3. Recommend, to the Board of Selectmen, needed updates and other changes in ordinances relevant to preserving marine resource.
4. Work with other appropriate Town committees on preserving Town landings for commercial and recreational use.
5. Make sure all clam flat surveys are complete by the end of the year.

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