

2023/2024
Stratford Shellfish Commission

Regulations

- 1) Shellfish from the Housatonic River requires a relay period of six months.
- 2) All harvesters gathering oysters in the Housatonic River must be a resident of the State of Connecticut.
- 3) All harvesters must have a permit to harvest seed oysters from the State Dept. of Aquaculture, 190 Rogers Ave Milford CT.
- 4) All harvesters must have a \$ 25.00 Stratford Shellfish Commission Permit that is valid from October 20th 2023 till July 20th 2024. Every person on the boat must have a permit.
- 5) The State “S “or “T “numbers must be displayed at all times. These numbers must be at least One foot in height.
- 6) State law only allows a dredge to hold ***** ONE AND ONE HALF***** bushels of material. This law applies to the Housatonic River as well.
- 7) The maximum dredge width shall be no more than 36 inches.
- 8) The maximum chain or bag depth shall be no more than 15 inches. Example: 5 two-inch rings with large links.

Oystering is prohibited in the Housatonic River on Sunday Section 5.2, Stratford Town Code.

- 1) A Fifty-cent per bushel (\$0.50) fee will be collected for each bushel harvested.
- 2) A monthly harvest log will be filled out and returned to the Stratford Shellfish Commission along payment for the shellfish taken Payment shall be no later than 10 days into the following month.
- 11) A spawning bed has been created north of the abandoned rock beacon and buoy #21 to the route 1 bridge.
- 12) Cannot remove more than 10 percent shell per per bushel from the Housatonic River.

Payment can be mailed to :
Stratford Shellfish Commission
4 Hickey St.
Stratford, CT. 06615