



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission
Scalloping Limited Season



Season: The **season will open on Tuesday December 1, 2015 and close on Monday February 29, 2016 at sunset** as determined by the Commission that will be published in a local newspaper twice before season opens. The taking of scallops will be allowed between one hour after sunrise and sunset only.

Permit Cost: Seasonal Scallop permits 1/4 Bushel (one peck) per Day **\$35.00**

Limit: The daily limit shall not exceed ¼ bushel per person holding a permit.

Location: The ONLY area will be the Niantic River from the south side of Boston Post Road to the north side of Route 156 Sandbar and Bridge.

Residency: Permit holders will be limited to residents of the State of Connecticut.

Method: The method used will be spot taking from a boat, by looking through a spotter, hand held or attached to the boat. The spotter will have a minimum six inch area viewing window that will be of clear glass or plastic and a minimum height of twelve (12") inches. No culling will be done at dock or landing; sorting of legal and undersize scallops shall be done immediately with seed scallops returned to the water alive. A ring net eight (8") inches maximum diameter with a pole twelve (12') foot maximum length is the only type to be used with spotter. It is prohibited for boats to be propelled by motor, oars, pole, etc. while harvesting of scallops.

Identification of adult: **The scallop must be an adult with a clearly defined growth ring.** Scallops without a clearly defined growth ring are not adults regardless of the size! See Sales Outlet handouts for examples!

Fine: Any person who violates any provision of these regulations shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) upon conviction, or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both as the court may set down. Upon conviction, the court may order that such person may not be entitled to any shellfish for an extended period of time. You agree to pay the following: NSF or Returned check will be charged a \$25.00 fee and any collection cost.

The population of adult scallops is unknown
Permits purchased at your own risk; no refunds

Sales Outlets: Waterford & East Lyme Town Clerk's Offices, Mago Point Marina, Hillyer's Tackle Shop (Call for winter hours 860-443-7615)

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