



Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

SCALLOP PERMIT

The population of adult scallops is unknown.

Permits purchased at your own risk no refunds.

Seasonal Scallop permits two gallons per person each Day \$35.00

Season: The season will open on **Saturday November 15, 2025 at 8 am** and close on **Saturday January 31, 2026 at 4:00 pm**. The taking of scallops will be allowed between **8 am** and **4:00 pm**.

Limit: The daily limit shall not exceed **two gallons per person** each day for permit holders.

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. The Niantic Bay is not open to scalloping.

Method: The method used will be spot taking from a boat, by looking through a spotter, handheld 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 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!

Fine: Any person who violates any provision of these regulations shall ***be fined not more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) upon conviction*** as the court may set down. You agree to pay the following: NSF or Returned check charge fee and any collection cost.

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Sales Outlets - check one:

☐ **J&B Tackle**
(seasonal hours)

☐ **Hillyer's Tackle Shop**
(seasonal hours)

☐ **East Lyme Town Clerk**

☐ **Waterford Town Clerk**