



Town of Bristol Shellfish Conservation Program 2024 Annual Shellfish License Sale & Lottery Plan

License Fees are as follows:

Effective January 1, 2018, performing conservation time is no longer mandatory for commercial shellfish license renewals but each hour of documented conservation time worked, up to a maximum of twelve (12) hours, will reduce renewal commercial licenses by \$20/hour.

	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>License Fee Conserv. Paid</u>	<u>License Fee Conserv. Worked</u>
Resident Commercial License	10	\$440	\$200
Non-Resident Commercial License	2	\$640	\$400
Resident Junior/Student License	1	\$100	\$100
Resident Recreation License	50	\$35	\$35
Non-Resident Recreation License	5	\$50	\$50

Documentation of conservation hours worked will be compiled and provided to the Clerk's Office by the Shellfish Conservation Committee after the conservation work weekend and prior to **September 1, 2024**.

Original, first-time commercial license purchasers will pay the lowest license fee, the fee that is the equivalent of having worked all twelve conservation hours.

License Sales:

All shellfish harvesting licenses will be made available through the Clerk's Office. Qualified individuals will be issued a license on request. The effective date of licenses sold is December 15 through the last Friday of January each year for commercial licenses and January 1 through December 31 of each year for recreational licenses.

Commercial License Lottery & Sale Procedure:

All commercial licenses will go on sale during normal business hours beginning **December 15, 2023** through **January 26, 2024**. Qualified holders of commercial (resident and non-resident) shellfish harvesting licenses may simply purchase a renewal license without participating in the lottery. All commercial shellfish harvesting renewal licenses must be purchased between **December 15, 2023 and January 26, 2024**. Any commercial licenses (resident and/or non-resident) remaining after this period will be dispersed by lottery as allocated.

A commercial (resident and/or non-resident) shellfish harvesting license "lottery list" will be created on December 15 of each year through the last Friday in January. Anyone wishing to apply for the lottery list must notify the Town Clerk during normal business hours. A receipt will be issued indicating that an application has been received upon request by the applicant. The

lottery for any commercial shellfish harvesting licenses that may become available will take place at the Clerk's Office at **3pm on January 26, 2024.**

Any successful applicant drawn by the lottery for a commercial shellfish harvesting license must purchase and pay for such license immediately following the lottery.

Resident Student Commercial License:

If allocated, student resident commercial licenses will follow the same procedure as adult commercial licenses. Students 16 and under are exempt from conservation of any type and will pay the lowest license fee, the fee that is the equivalent of having worked all twelve conservation hours.

Recreational Licenses:

All recreational licenses will be available on a first come, first serve basis starting the first business day after January 1 of each year until sold out. Resident/Taxpayer recreational shellfish license fees will be waived for applicants 65 years or older and 12 years or younger.

Misrepresentation:

Any applicant who provides false or misleading information on a license or application shall be disqualified for any license or from participation in the license lottery. In addition, if a license is awarded to an applicant on the basis of false or misleading information, the license fee shall be withheld, and the license declared void.

Documentation:

All commercial licenses will be kept on file for three years at the Clerk's Office.

All recreational licenses will be kept on file for three years at the Clerk's Office.

All applications for the lottery will be kept on file for three years at the Clerk's Office.

A copy of the Shellfish Ordinance is available at www.bristolmaine.org and at the Clerk's Office, 1268 Bristol Road, Bristol, ME 04539.

Approved by Bristol Conservation Shellfish Committee:
December 4, 2023

/s/ Steve Lackovic, Chair

/s/ Scott Burke

/s/ David Cheney

/s/ Ronald Poland

/s/ Steve Termine