



**SHELLFISH COMMISSION**  
TOWN HALL – 110 MYRTLE AVENUE  
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Dear Fellow Shellfishers,

Thank you for your interest in Westport's recreational shellfishing program.

Careful and proactive management of shellfish beds is a hallmark of the Town of Westport's shellfish program. This year, the Westport Shellfish Commission managed a successful program with a spring transplant. We issued 554 annual recreational shellfishing permits.

This has been a spectacular season for recreational shellfishing. We have recorded only 66 closure days of this writing. The recreational beds are automatically closed after a rainfall event of 1.5 inches or if there is an environmental event, such as a sewage spill. It is important to call the hotline **203-838-9807** before you clam to ensure the recreational beds are open.

Enclosed is your application for a 2023 Westport Shellfishing Permit valid from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Getting your permit now will ensure you of uninterrupted access to shellfish resources. All applications **must** be signed and **must** include a copy of your most recent photo identification and current address. If possible, we do ask that you send in your applications by mail. Typically, we issue permits within a few days of receiving applications. Otherwise, you may come in person via the front entrance to the Westport Town Hall.

Please bring or mail:

- **completed and signed application**
- **copy of your current driver's license or photo identification, which includes an address**
- **permit fee** (see back side of the application)

to: **Westport Shellfish Commission**  
**110 Myrtle Avenue, Room 205**  
**Westport, CT 06880**

If you need more applications and/or would like more information, please visit our website: [www.westportct.gov](http://www.westportct.gov) under the tab Government/Appointed Boards/Shellfish Commission or call our office.

As always, we welcome your comments.

Sincerely,

Heather Williams  
Chair  
Westport Shellfish Commission

Enclosures