



SHELLFISH COMMISSION
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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 Shellfish Commission partnered with HarborWatch to begin regular water quality testing of New Creek. Our primary goal is to identify areas of non-source pollution that contribute to the decreased water quality in the beds near Burying Hill Beach. This is the first step in a multi-year process.

This season was particularly wet. We recorded 114 closure days as of this writing. This has been the second wettest season in the past five years.

Enclosed is your application for a 2024 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:

<https://www.westportct.gov/government/departments-a-z/conservation-department/get-a-shellfish-permit>
or call our office.

As always, we welcome your comments.

Sincerely,

James Walsh
Chair
Westport Shellfish Commission

Enclosures