



Department of Marine Resources

Request for DMR Letter of Support - depositing shell material onto intertidal flats

Please submit requests directly to:
DMR, Shellfish Management Program, PO Box 8, West Boothbay Harbor, ME 04575

If you have any questions please contact the Regional Biologist responsible for your town:

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See Page 3 information to determine your area Biologist

To allow time for review, submit requests **at least 3 weeks** prior to the proposed start date.

Date: _____

Contact Person:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Please provide a description of the proposed project. In the description please provide details for the following: (if more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet; ALL questions must be answered.)

1. Shell type
2. Shell source
3. Where shell will be placed
4. Have the shells been cured, for how long? (6 month minimum)
5. What is the duration of the proposed activity?
6. Amount of area to be covered or treated
7. Goals of project:
8. How will the success of this project be monitored?
9. Attach map of area(s).



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Guidance document regarding depositing shell material onto intertidal flats.

The jurisdiction is split between the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACoE).

Department of Environmental Protection

Augusta, Maine Office and Central Maine Regional Office – CMRO

(Mail) 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017

(207)287-7688 · (800)452-1942 · FAX (207)287-7826

Bangor, Eastern Maine Regional Office – EMRO

106 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401

(207)941-4570 · (888)769-1137 · FAX (207)941-4584

Portland, Southern Maine Regional Office – SMRO

312 Canco Road, Portland, ME 04103

(207)822-6300 · (888)769-1036 · FAX (207)822-6303

[Natural Resources Protection Act \("NRPA Page"\), Bur. of Land & Water Quality, Maine Department of Environmental Protection](#)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

Maine Project Office, 675 Western Avenue #3, Manchester, ME 04351

(207)623-8367 · (207)623-8206 · FAX (207)623-8206

<http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/ObtainPermit.aspx>

Letter of Support

For the Permit by Rule application thru the DEP, applicants are encouraged to obtain a letter of support from the DMR Shellfish Program Supervisor. Before a letter of support will be issued the Department would ask the applicant to submit a summary of the proposed project.

Recommendations for applicants: the following were established out of concern for shellfish related diseases.

- The applicant needs to demonstrate that the shell source is of a locally sourced native shellfish species. (i.e. no shell from out of state or country)
- At this time restaurants will not be supported as suitable sources for shell unless the source and origin of the species can be proven.
- Soft shell clam shell originating from Maine is the preferred material.
- No shellfish shall be used that originate from the Damariscotta or Sheepscot Rivers due to disease issues.
- At this time European oyster shell will not be supported as a suitable source for shell.
- We will only provide letters of support for projects using cured shell to minimize the risk of disease spreading and attracting predators.
- Talk to your Area Biologists for treatment options/applications: research is currently underway.

Shell Source

From the DMR website: list of Maine Certified Shellfish Dealers:

http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/certified_dealers.htm



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Those having certificate numbers ending in SP (Shucker Packers) may be contacted for shell sources and availability

Region 1 – Ari Leach	Region 2 - Hannah Annis	Region 3 - Heidi Leighton
Eliot	Newcastle	Mount Desert
Kittery	Damariscotta	Bar Harbor
York	Bristol	Southwest Harbor
Ogunquit	South Bristol	Swans Island
Wells	Bremen	Gouldsboro
Kennebunk	Waldoboro	Steuben
Kennebunkport	Friendship	Milbridge
Biddeford	Islesboro	Harrington
Scarborough	Searsport	Addison
Cumberland	Stockton Springs	Jonesport
Yarmouth/N Yarmouth	Penobscot	Beals
Chebeague	Brooklin	Jonesboro
Freeport	Deer Isle	Roque Bluffs
Brunswick	Stonington	Machiasport
Harpswell	Blue Hill	East Machias
West Bath		Cutler
Phippsburg	Regional Committee	Whiting
Georgetown	Cushing	Lubec
Arrowsic	St. George	Edmunds/Trescott
Woolwich	South Thomaston	Pembroke/Perry
Wiscasset	Thomaston	
Westport	Warren	
Regional Committee	Regional Committee	
Boothbay	Franklin	
Boothbay Harbor	Hancock	
Edgecomb	Lamoine	
Southport	Sorrento	
	Sullivan	
	Trenton	