

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES MARINE RESOURCES LABORATORY P.O. BOX 8, 194 MCKOWN POINT RD W. BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE 04575-0008

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COMMISSIONER

September 27, 2023

Cathy Doughty, Town clerk P.O. Box 39 Harpswell, ME 04079

Re: Transplant Permit

Dear Ms. Doughty:

This letter is in response to your request to transplant seed clams as follows:

Start	Stop	Source	Species	Destination	Supervisor	Approved
10/26/2023	10/26/2023	Brickyard/Rich	Quahogs	Basin Cove	Stephen	<b>√</b>
2:30 PM	5:30 PM	Cove (Quahog Bay)			Welsh Warden	

We recognize you intend to plant the quahogs in a subtidal area where they are less likely to be harvested. We will be anticipating the results of your follow up quahog surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of the effort.

This letter will serve as permission for the above activity provided that the listed Supervisor contacts, 24 hours before the start of the activity, the Municipal Shellfish Warden, the Marine Patrol Officer responsible for this area and the Marine Patrol Division I Office at 633-9595. You may call the Division I Office in advance to determine who will be the local officer on duty and obtain direct contact information.

If DMR can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me or your area biologist, Ari Leach at (207) 350-7061. Please submit a record of the transplant activity to DMR within 20 days of the date of occurrence.

Sincerely,

Meredith White

Nearshore Marine Resources Program Supervisor

cc: Ari Leach, Marine Resource Scientist II Lt. Daniel White, Marine Patrol Division I