

**REGULATIONS FOR CONNECTICUT
RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING:**

**A Summary of Policies of
Municipal Shellfish Commissions
2000**



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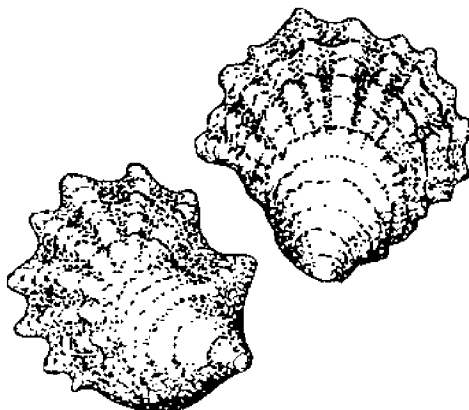
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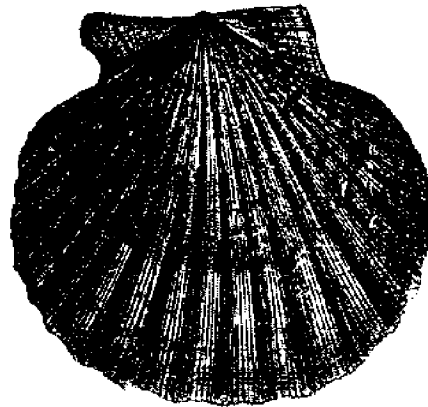
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KEY TO TERMS AND SYMBOLS

R= resident
NR= non-resident
S-R= resident senior citizen
S-NR= non-resident senior citizen

N/A= not applicable
N/R= no size restriction
IMP= imprisonment
bu= bushel



Special fees apply to senior citizens:

Senior citizen is defined as anyone 60 years of age or older for most shellfish commissions. Please note, however, that some shellfish commissions follow the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection standard which states that a senior citizen is anyone 65 years of age or older and others define seniors as age 62 or older.

- ◇ Seniors age 65 and older
- ◆ Seniors considered age 62 and older

Special fees apply to minors:

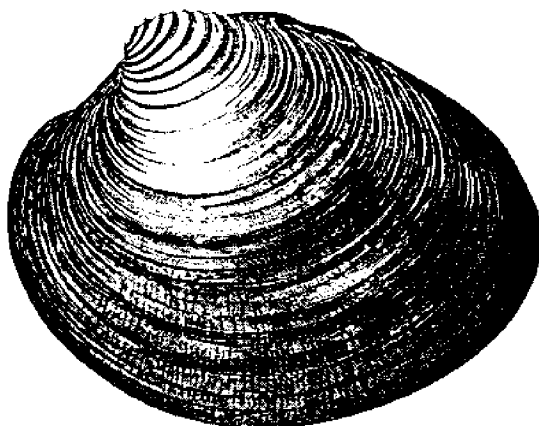
Most shellfish commissions consider anyone 12 years of age and younger eligible for a lower fee. In some cases, commissions consider anyone 16 years of age and younger a minor.

- ☆ Minors considered age 16 and under

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**RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING
FEE SCHEDULING
2000**



PERMIT FEES- Seasonal**\$**

	R	NR	S-R	S-NR	Minors
East Lyme	30.00	42.00	12.00	18.00	free
Fairfield	10.00	15.00	7.00	N/A	free
Greenwich (◇)	15.00	N/A	10.00	N/A	1.00
Groton (◇)	25.00	35.00	10.00	20.00	free
Guilford	15.00	50.00	5.00	50.00	free
Madison	10.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stamford (◆)	10.00	N/A	3.00	N/A	free
Stonington (◇)	6.00	11.00	free	free	free
Waterford (☆)	25.00	35.00	10.00	20.00	free
Waterford/East Lyme	30.00	42.00	12.00	18.00	free

PERMIT FEES- Monthly**\$**

	R	NR
East Lyme	12.00	18.00
Fairfield	N/A	N/A
Greenwich	N/A	N/A
Groton	12.00	20.00
Guilford	N/A	N/A
Madison	N/A	N/A
Stamford	N/A	N/A
Stonington	N/A	N/A
Waterford	15.00	20.00
Waterford/East Lyme	12.00	18.00

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PERMIT FEES- Biweekly

\$

	R	NR
East Lyme	N/A	N/A
Fairfield	5.00	10.00
Greenwich	N/A	N/A
Groton	N/A	N/A
Guilford	N/A	N/A
Madison	N/A	N/A
Stamford	N/A	N/A
Stonington	N/A	N/A
Waterford	N/A	N/A
Waterford/East Lyme	N/A	N/A

PERMIT FEES- Weekly

\$

	R	NR
East Lyme	N/A	N/A
Fairfield	N/A	N/A
Greenwich	N/A	N/A
Groton	10.00	15.00
Guilford	N/A	N/A
Madison	N/A	N/A
Stamford	N/A	N/A
Stonington	N/A	N/A
Waterford	10.00	15.00
Waterford/East Lyme	N/A	N/A

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PERMIT FEES- Daily

\$

	R	NR	S-R	S-NR	Minors
East Lyme	6.00	9.60	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fairfield	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greenwich (◇)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Groton (◇)	5.00	8.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Guilford	10.00	10.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Madison	N/A	20.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stamford (◆)	5.00	5.00	N/A	N/A	free
Stonington (◇)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Waterford (☆)	5.00	8.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Waterford/East Lyme	6.00	9.60	N/A	N/A	N/A

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REGULATIONS
2000**



SHELLFISHING SEASONS

	Grounds	Season
East Lyme	Area E	Year Round
	Area F	November 1-April 30
	Approved Area	Year Round
Fairfield	All Areas	Year Round
Greenwich	Area A, B	October- May
	Area C, E	Year Round
	Area D, F	Closed during beach season
Groton	Area P	Year Round
	Area A	Year Round
	Area E	Year Round
	Area F	November 1- March 31
	Area C	November 1- April 30
	Area D	Year Round
	Open area	Year Round
Guilford	Areas 1-5	Year Round
Madison	Areas A, B	Year Round
Stamford	All Areas	Year Round
Stonington	Area A	Year Round
	Outer Quiambaug	Year Round
	Area B	November 1- March 31
Waterford	Area C, G	Year Round
	Area D	October 31- May 15
Waterford/ East Lyme	Area A	Year Round
	Area B	November 16- April 31

- Maps of shellfishing areas are located at the end of this document as an enclosure.

CLOSURES

	Closure Trigger	Closure Duration	Enforcement/ Fines
East Lyme	2" rain *	7 days	State statutes
Fairfield	1" rain *	7 days	State statutes
Greenwich	1 1/2" rain or pollution event	7 days/ call hotline	Permit suspension up to five years
Groton			
Area P	2" rain*	call hotline	State Statutes
Area A	"	"	"
Area E	1" rain *	"	"
Area F	2" rain *	"	"
Area C	1" rain *	"	"
Area D	sewer discharge	"	"
Guilford			
Area 1	3/4" rain *	7 days	State Statutes
Area 2-5	1" rain **	7 days	"
Madison	-	-	\$100 fine
Stamford	-	-	State Statutes
Stonington	1" rain	7 days	Not >\$25 or IMP or both
Waterford	1" rain	7 days	\$70.00/clam
Waterford/ East Lyme	2" rain	7 days	State statutes

* Amount of rain in 24 hours before area is closed.

** Amount of rain in 48 hours before area is closed.

IMP = imprisonment

-All areas are open for shellfishing from sunrise to sunset (State Statutes: Sec 26-228).

-Anyone violating regulations set forth by local shellfish commissions are subject to not more than \$50.00 in fines or imprisonment not more than (30) days, or both (State Statutes: Sec 26-257a), unless otherwise noted.

-Refer to appendix for contact information and hotline numbers.

VOLUME LIMITS

	Hard Clams	Oysters	Blue Mussels	Soft Shells	Razor Clams	Daily Limit
East Lyme	1 peck	RESTRICTED	NO LIMIT	1 peck	1 peck	<i>2 pecks</i>
Fairfield	1/2 bu	1/2 bu	1/2 bu	1/2 bu	1/2 bu	<i>1/2 bu</i>
Greenwich	1/2 bu	PROHIBITED	1/2 bu	1/2 bu	1/2 bu	<i>1/2 bu</i>
Groton	1 peck	RESTRICTED	1 peck	1 peck	-	<i>1 peck</i>
Guilford	1/2 bu	1/2 bu	1/4 bu	1/4 bu	1/4 bu	-
Madison	1/2 bu	RESTRICTED	1/2 bu	RESTRICTED	1/2 bu	-
Stamford	1/2 bu	CLOSED	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	<i>1/2 bu</i>
Stonington	1/2 bu	1/2 bu	NO LIMIT	1/2 bu	NO LIMIT	<i>1/2 bu</i>
Waterford	1 peck	1 peck	NO LIMIT	1 peck	1 peck	<i>1 peck</i>
Waterford/ East Lyme	1 peck	RESTRICTED	NO LIMIT	1 peck	-	<i>1 peck</i>

(bu= bushel)

SIZE LIMITS

	Hard Clams (ring)	Oysters (axis)	Blue Mussels (axis)	Soft Shells (axis)	Razor Clams (axis)
East Lyme	1 *	-	-	1 1/2	4
Fairfield	1 1/2	3	2	1 1/2	4
Greenwich	1 1/2	PROHIBITED	1 1/2	1 1/2	4
Groton	2	RESTRICTED	-	2	-
Guilford	1 1/2	3	2	2	3
Madison	-	-	-	-	-
Stamford	1 1/2	CLOSED	1 1/2	1 1/2	N/R
Stonington	1 1/2	N/R	N/R	1 1/2	N/R
Waterford	1 1/2 OR 1 *	3	1 1/2	1 1/2	4
Waterford/ East Lyme	-	-	1 1/2	1 1/2	4

* shell thickness

N/R= no size restriction

- All measurements are in inches (").

-All shellfish commissions require that spaces between rake prongs must be no less than one (1) inch.

SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN- Scallops/Soft-Shells

	Scallop Season	Catch Limit	Ring (")
East Lyme	PROHIBITED	-	-
Greenwich	NO SCALLOPS	-	-
Groton			
Area P	9/1 - 4/30	DEPENDS ON SUPPLY	2
Area A	9/1 - 4/30	"	"
Area E	9/1 - 4/30	"	"
Area F	RESTRICTED	"	"
Area C	RESTRICTED	"	"
Area D	9/1 - 4/30	"	"
Open Area	9/1 - 4/30	"	"
Stonington	DETERMINED YEARLY	DEPENDS ON SUPPLY *	2

* One (1) bushel per person or two (2) bushels per boat.

	Soft-Shell Season	Catch Limit	Axis (")
Madison	YEAR ROUND	1/4 bu	2

(bu= bushel)

SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN- Oysters

	Oyster Season	Catch Limit	Axis (")
East Lyme	Sept. to April	1 peck	3
Fairfield	Sept. to April	½ bu	3
Greenwich	PROHIBITED	-	-
Groton			
Area P	Sept. to April	2 pecks	3
Area A	"	"	"
Area E	"	"	"
Area F	PROHIBITED	-	-
Area C	PROHIBITED	-	-
Area D	Sept. to April	2 pecks	3
Open Area	"	"	"
Madison	Sept. to April	½ bu	3
Stamford	CLOSED	-	-
Waterford	Sept. to April	1 peck	3
Waterford/ East Lyme	Sept. to April	1 peck	3

(bu= bushel)

APPENDICES



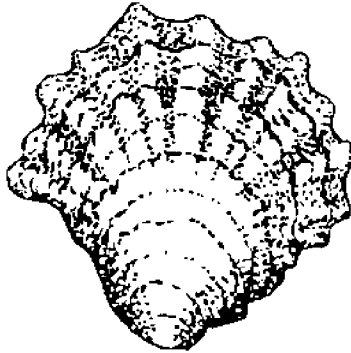
Contact Information
Record Keeping

CONTACT INFORMATION:

	Purchase Permit at:	Status of Closures:
East Lyme	Most bait and tackle shops Shellfish Warden's Office <i>-State Launch Ramp</i> Town Receptionist	Posted signal disks Dial: (860) 739-6233
Fairfield	Conservation Department <i>-Independence Hall</i>	Posted signal disks Dial: (203) 256-3074
Greenwich	Town Clerk's Office Fishermen's Den Tackle Shop	Posted signal disks Dial: (203) 622-7777
Groton	Town Police Station Town Clerk's Office Ackley's Package Store Ken's Tackle Shop	Posted signal disks Dial: (860) 441-6793
Guilford	Town Clerk's Office	Posted signal disks Dial: (860) 453-8088
Madison	Town Clerk's Office BB Marine	Posted signal disks Dial: (203) 245-5600 ext. 3
Stamford	Town Clerk's Office	Dial: (203) 977-5889
Stonington	Wilcox Marine Supply Coveside Marina Bucky's Bait and Tackle Brewski's Taxidermy Don's Dock	Posted signal disks Dial: (860) 599-5034

CONTACT INFORMATION:

	Purchase Permit at:	Status of Closures:
Waterford	Town Clerk's Office Riverside Grocery <i>-Pleasure Beach</i> Capt. John's Sports Fishing Center <i>-Mago Point</i> Chief Warden's Office <i>-Mago Point</i>	Posted signal disks Dial (860) 444-5812
Waterford/ East Lyme	Town Halls Hillyer's <i>-Mago Point</i>	Posted signal disks Dial (860) 739-6233

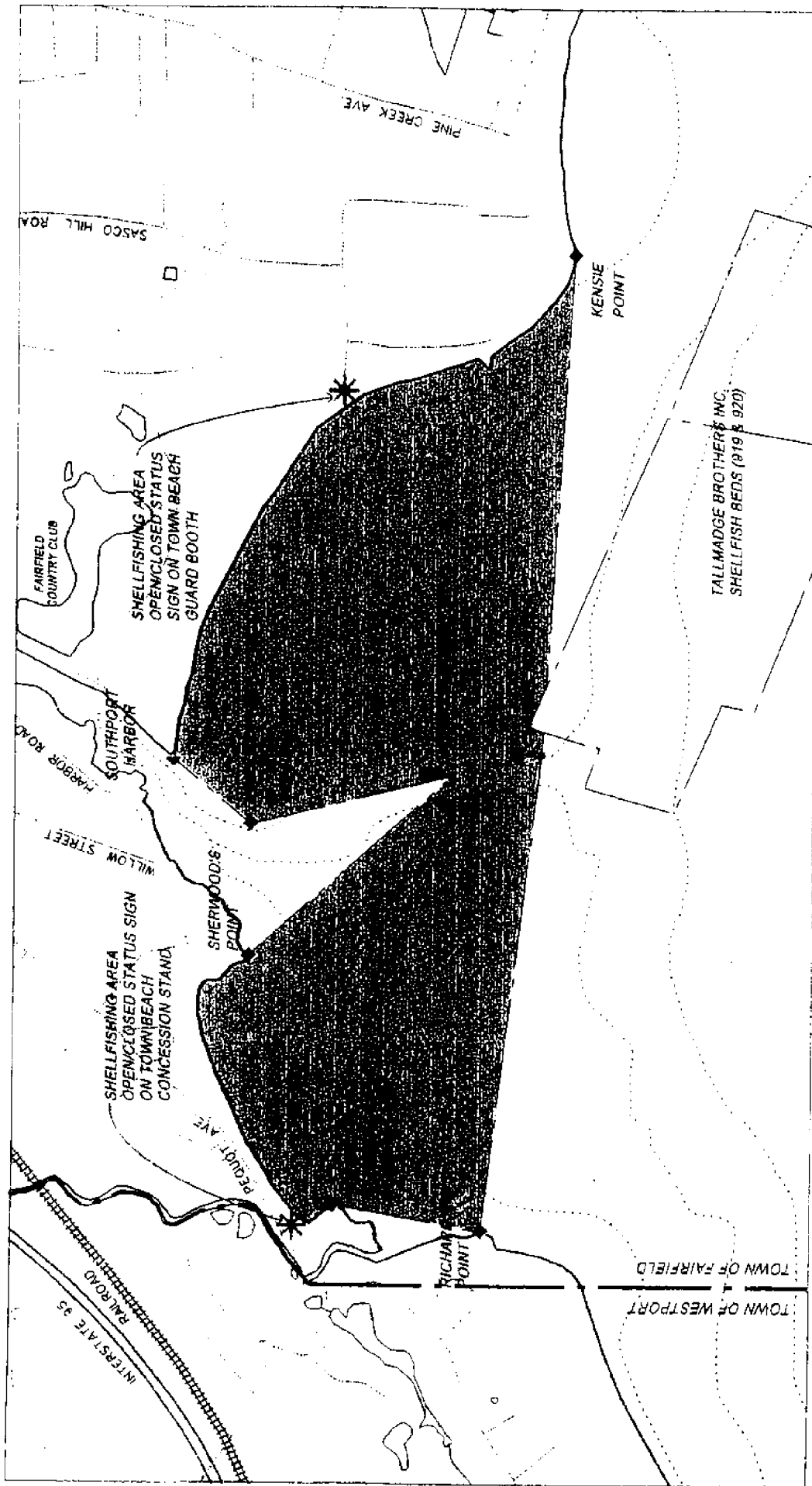


RECORD KEEPING


Example of Record Keeping (Guilford Shellfish Commission)


PERMITS SOLD 95-00														
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	REVENUE
2000														
Resident Season	28	4	11	27	35	61							188	\$ 2,490.00
Resident Season (65)	9	5	7	7	13	24							65	\$ 325.00
Non-Resident Season	18	7	26	10	63	44							188	\$ 6,300.00
Non-Resident Daily	4	1	5	1	3	26							40	\$ 400.00
MONTHLY TOTALS	57	17	49	45	114	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	437	\$ 11,515.00
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	74	123	189	282	437	437	437	437	437	437	437	437		
1999														
Resident Season	48	35	27	19	27	86	56	16	5				320	\$ 4,800.00
Resident Season (65)	23	4	7	3	19	23	15	4	2				101	\$ 505.00
Non-Resident Season	38	18	17	18	16	61	37	11	2	1			219	\$ 10,950.00
Non-Resident Daily	2	3	7	1	2	68	108	47	13	5	1		258	\$ 2,580.00
MONTHLY TOTALS	111	60	58	41	64	238	216	78	22	6	3	1	898	\$ 18,335.00
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	171	229	270	334	572	788	866	888	888	894	897	898		
1998														
Resident Season	29	15	19	30	40	38	55	21	10	2			269	\$ 4,035.00
Resident Season (65)	13	5	6	4	6	15	14	3	3	2			71	\$ 355.00
Non-Resident Season	37	7	17	18	16	19	35	7					156	\$ 7,800.00
Non-Resident Daily	2	1		14	19	79	43	41	7	4			210	\$ 2,100.00
MONTHLY TOTALS	81	28	42	52	76	91	193	74	54	11	4	0	706	\$ 14,290.00
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	109	151	203	279	370	563	637	691	702	706	706	706		
1997														
Resident Season	46	29	17	25	33	81	63	15	4	2			316	\$ 4,740.00
Resident Season (65)	17	6	6	9	7	19	17	3	3				88	\$ 440.00
Non-Resident Season	17	14	8	13	9	45	40	8	3				157	\$ 7,850.00
Non-Resident Daily	1	8	7	2	2	34	98	77	61	8	4		302	\$ 3,020.00
MONTHLY TOTALS	81	57	38	49	51	179	218	103	71	10	1	5	863	\$ 16,080.00
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	138	176	225	276	455	673	776	847	857	858	863	863		
1996														
Resident Season	29	16	27	24	31	44	63	32	8	2	1		277	\$ 4,155.00
Resident Season (65)	16	3	8	8	5	12	10	5	4	0	0		71	\$ 355.00
Non-Resident Season	7	9	18	10	9	9	24	12	5	0	0		103	\$ 5,150.00
Non-Resident Daily	8	3	7	9	5	17	44	71	27	7	3		201	\$ 2,010.00
MONTHLY TOTALS	60	31	60	51	50	82	141	120	44	9	4		652	\$ 11,670.00
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	91	151	202	252	334	475	595	638	648	652	652	652		
1995														
MONTHLY TOTALS	4	26	43	38	39	78	147	67	31	6	3	16	498	\$ 8,195.00
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	30	73	111	150	228	375	442	473	479	482	482	498		

**MAPS OF TOWN
SHELLFISH GROUNDS**



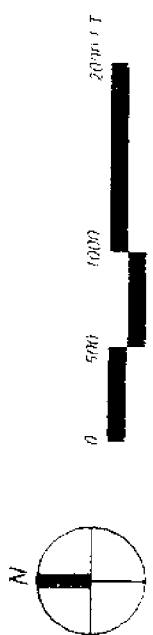
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 CONDITIONALLY APPROVED RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING AREA

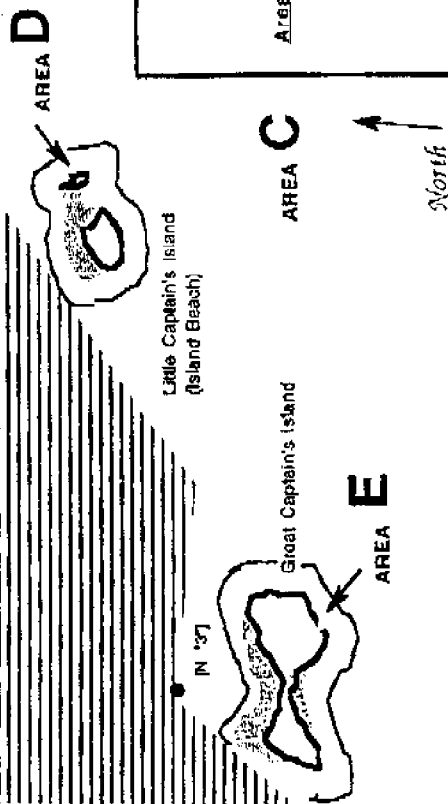
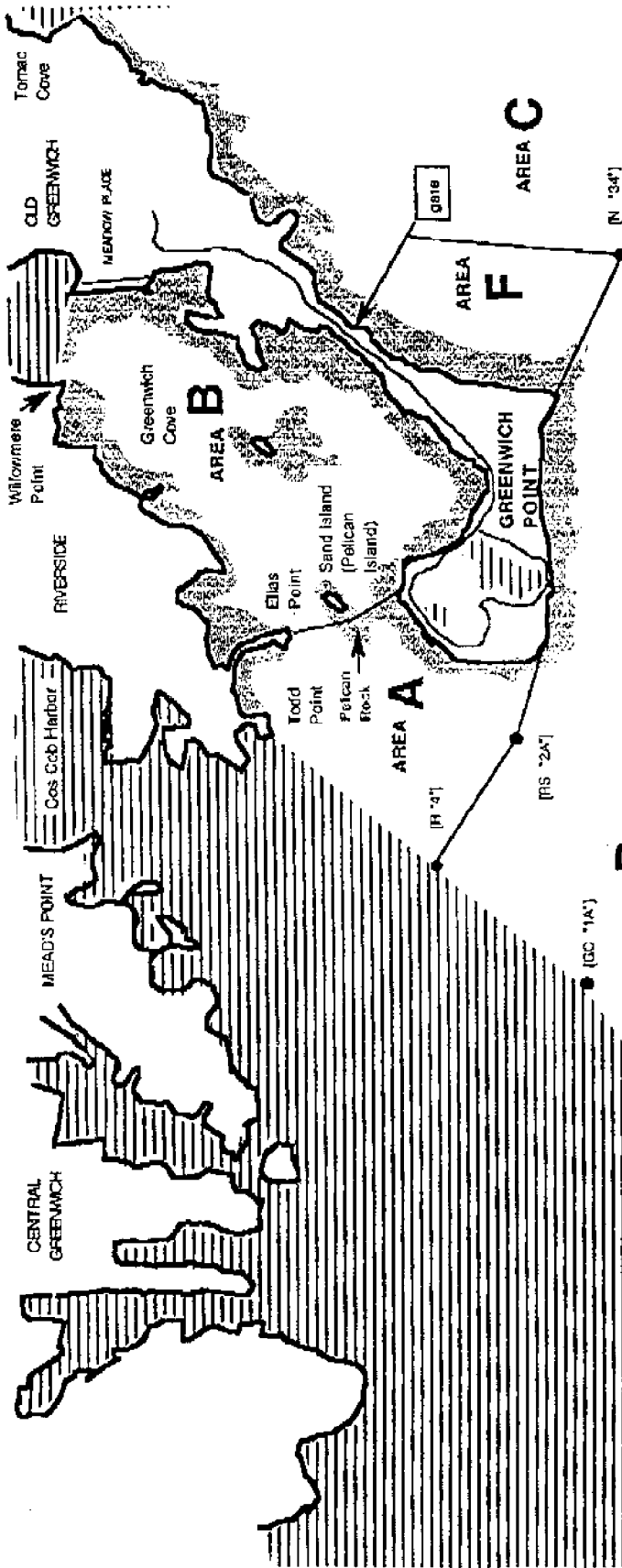

 DEMARCATION SIGN

CALL 203 307 6310 (TOWNSHIP)
 TO DETERMINE IF SHELLFISHING
 AREA IS OPEN OR CLOSED

WARNING: MAP NOT TO BE USED
 FOR NAVIGATION



MAP OF RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING AREA
 FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT




Detailed maps are available at Great Captain's Island's dock showing the island's shellfishing area

1998-99 RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING MAP

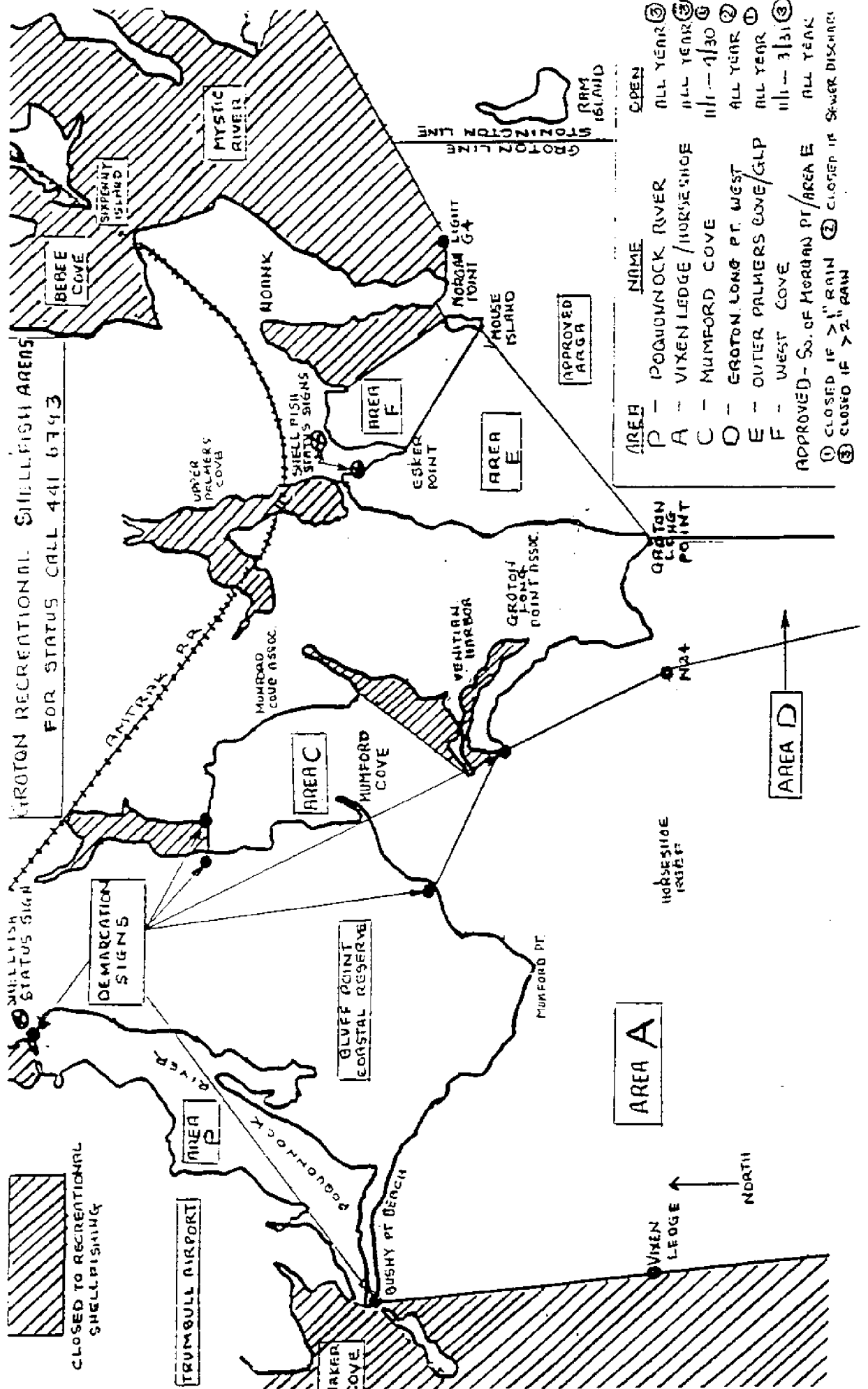
Before shellfishing, please call the Greenwichee Shellfish Hotline (622-7777) to determine which shellfish areas are open. Do observe shellfishing area boundaries.

Areas will be temporarily closed after a pollution event or a 1/2" rainfall

- area A Open October into May
- area B Open October into May
- area C Open all year
- area D Open all year, except for summer closings of swimming beaches
- area E Open all year, except for summer closings of swimming beaches
- area F Open all year, except for summer closings of swimming beaches

Closed to all Recreational Shellfishing:  Intertidal Areas: 

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GROTON RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH AREAS
FOR STATUS CALL 441 6743

SHELLFISH STATUS SIGN

DEMARICATION SIGNS

TRUMBULL AIRPORT

BLUFF POINT COASTAL RESERVE

AREA C

MUMFORD COVE

VENTNIM INHABOR

GROTON POINT ASSOC.

ESKER POINT

AREA F

AREA E

HOUSE ISLAND

MORGAN LIGHT TOWER

MOONK

MYSTIC RIVER

SIPHEY ISLAND

BEREE COVE

UPPER PALMERS COVE

SHELLFISH STATUS SIGNS

MUMFORD COVE ASSOC.

ANTRUCK RA

GROTON LIGHT TOWER

APPROVED AREA

AREA D

AREA A

AREA B

AREA C

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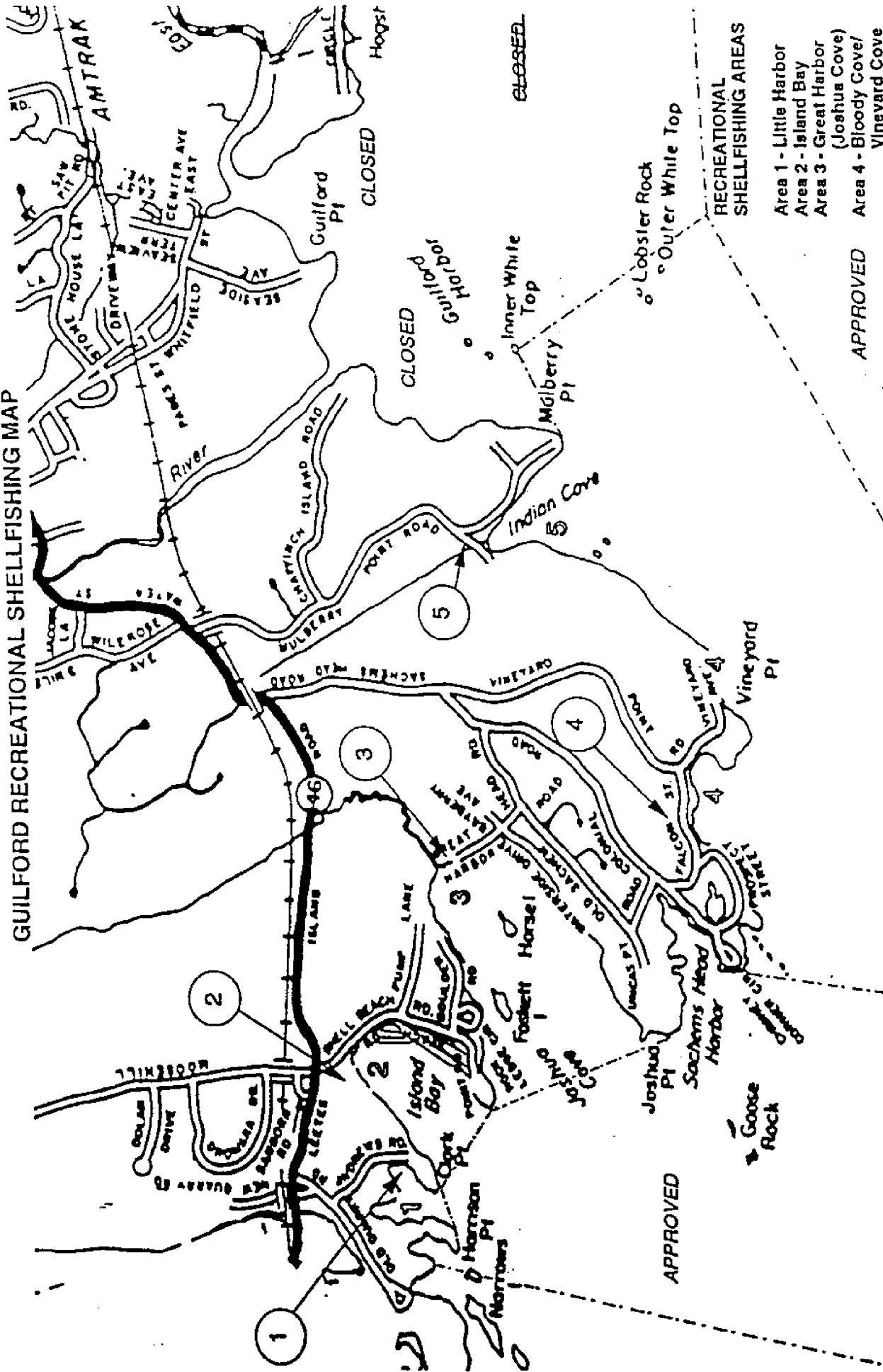
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GUILFORD RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING MAP



RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING AREAS

- Area 1 - Little Harbor
- Area 2 - Island Bay
- Area 3 - Great Harbor (Joshua Cove)
- Area 4 - Bloody Cove/Vineyard Cove
- Area 5 - Indian Cove,



• Indicates location of Open/Closed Signs

CLOSURE OF SHELLFISH BEDS: Recreational shellfishing beds will be closed for 7 days following 1.0 inches of rainfall in any 48 hour period (except Little Harbor, Area 1, which is closed following 0.75 inches in 24 hours). Also, recreational shellfishing areas will close periodically in order to facilitate shellfish management. For information concerning openings and closures consult posted signs in each area (see map) or call 453-8088.

Shellfishing permits are required and can be purchased at the Guilford Town Clerk's Office or Police Station. To facilitate patrolling fishermen are requested to leave permits on the dashboard of their vehicles.

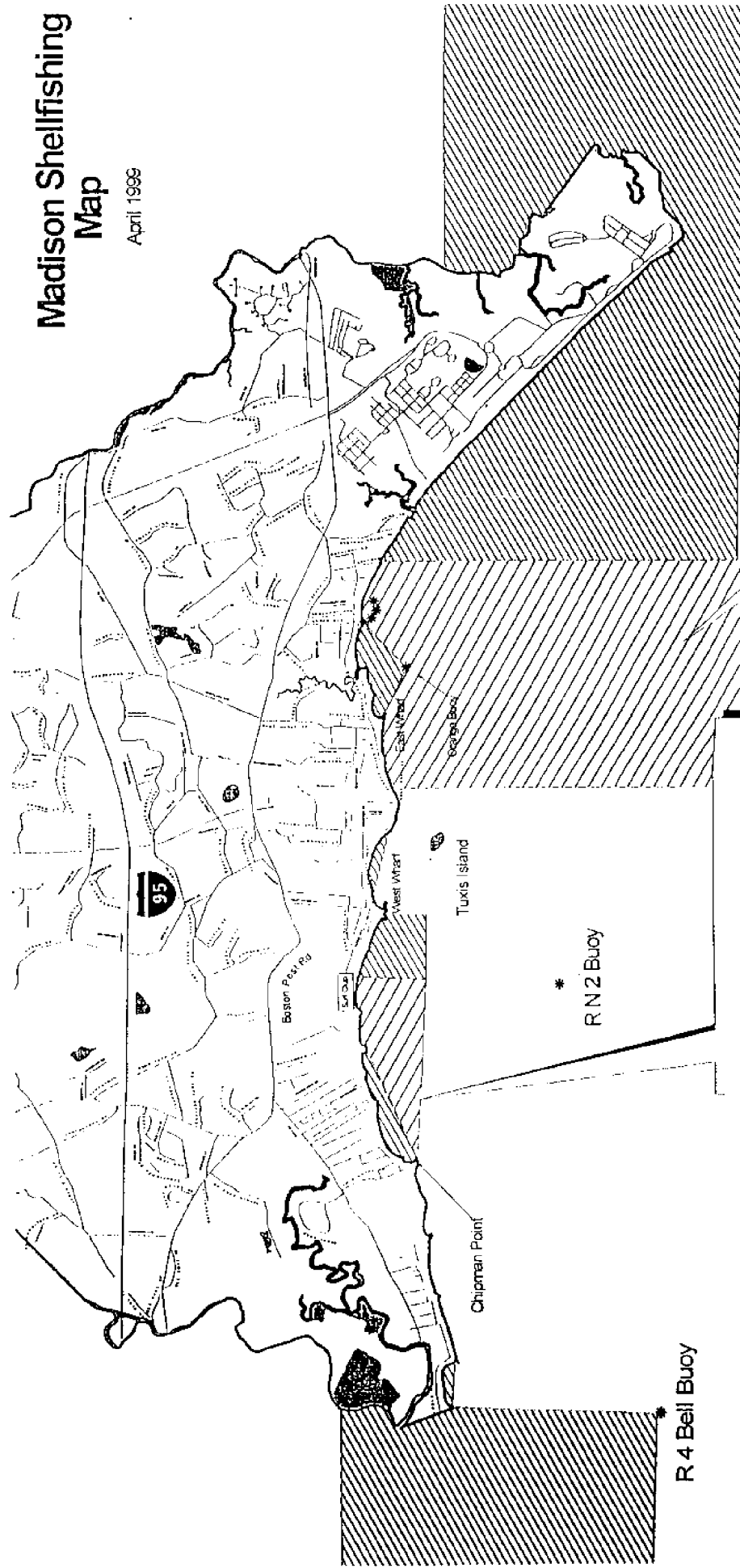
NOTE: Regulated recreational shellfishing is permitted in Approved and Conditionally Approved (numbered 1-5) areas only.

ALL OTHER AREAS (including Sachems Head Harbor) ARE CLOSED TO RECREATIONAL SHELLFISHING!

TOWN AND BAY ARE RESTRICTED REMAINING OPEN AT

Madison Shellfishing Map

April 1999



Conditional Shellfish Area "A"

Conditional Shellfish Area "B"

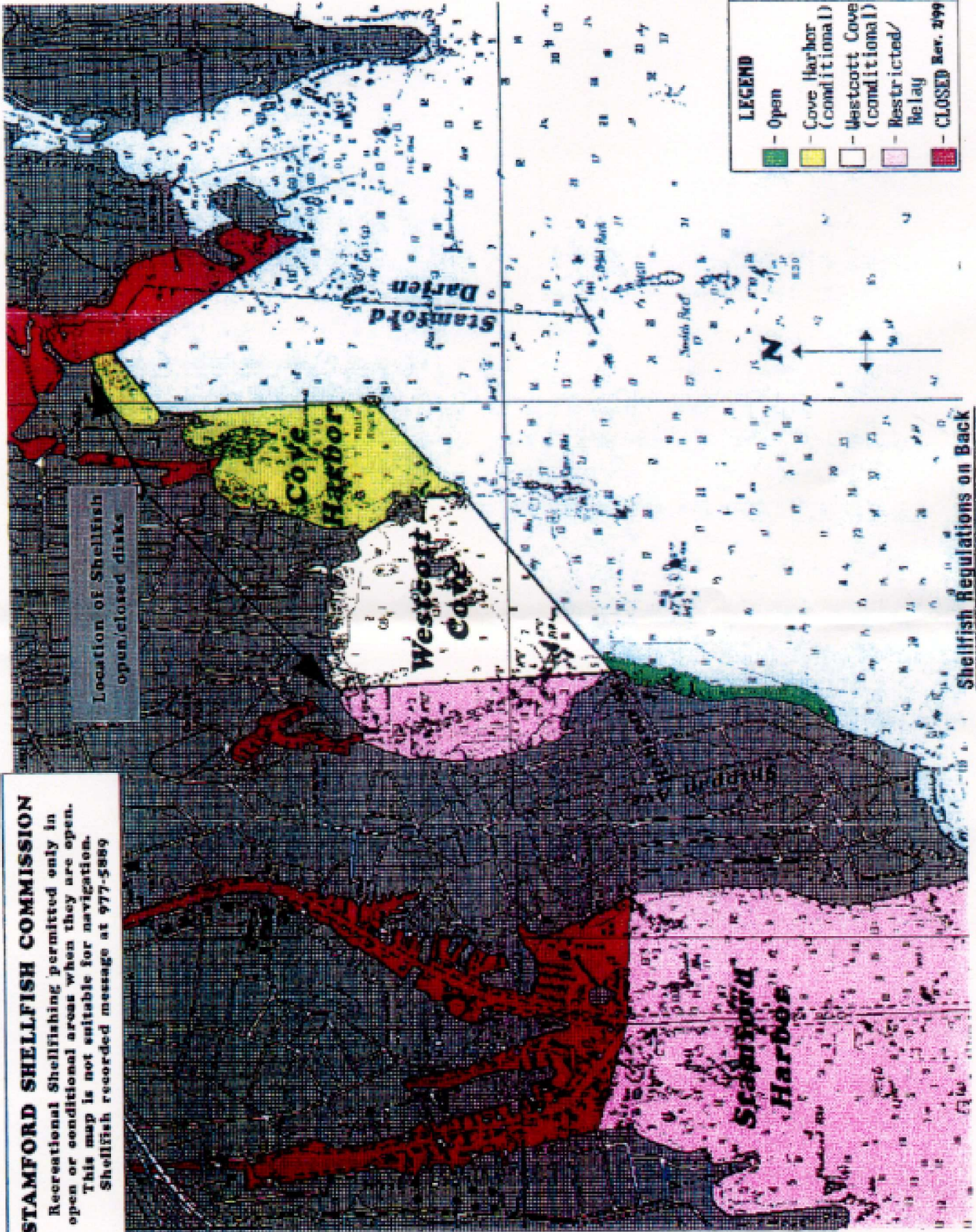
Conditional Shellfishing Areas A & B are only OPEN for shellfishing under certain conditions. Please call the Shellfish Information Line at 245-5600 Option 3 to determine if these areas are OPEN prior to harvesting shellfish from these areas. Areas that are not noted as Conditional or Closed on this map are OPEN at all times.

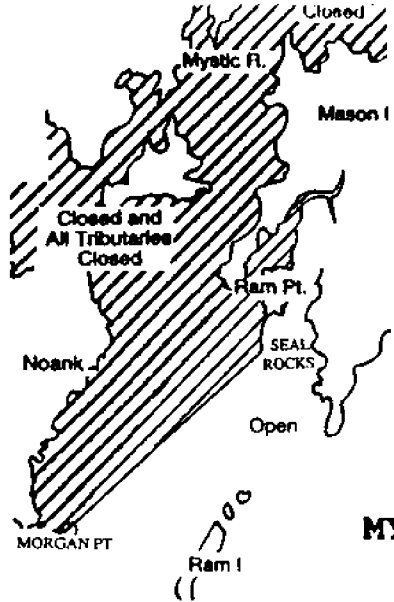
- * Buoy/Rock
- ▨ Closed Shellfish Area
- ▨ Conditional Shellfish Area

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Recreational Shellfishing permitted only in open or conditional areas when they are open. This map is not suitable for navigation. Shellfish recorded message at 977-5889

Location of Shellfish open/closed disks





MYSTIC RIVER AREA

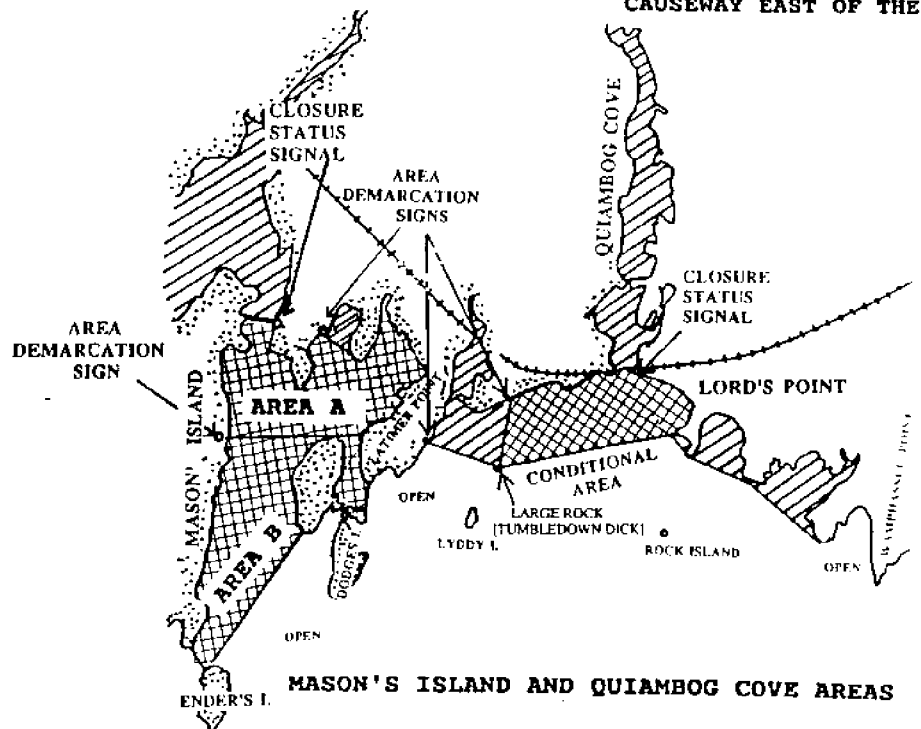
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TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THE CONDITIONAL AREAS CALL 599-5034 OR CHECK THE STATUS SIGNALS.

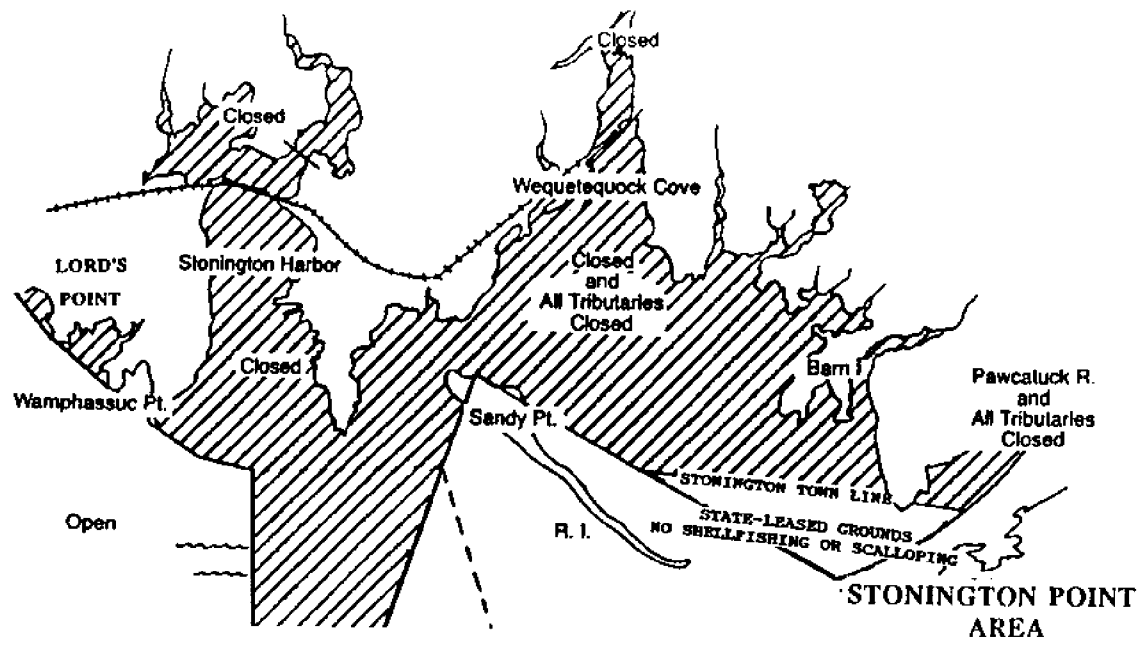
WHITE DISK---OPEN
RED DISK-----CLOSED

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




MASON'S ISLAND AND QUIAMBOG COVE AREAS



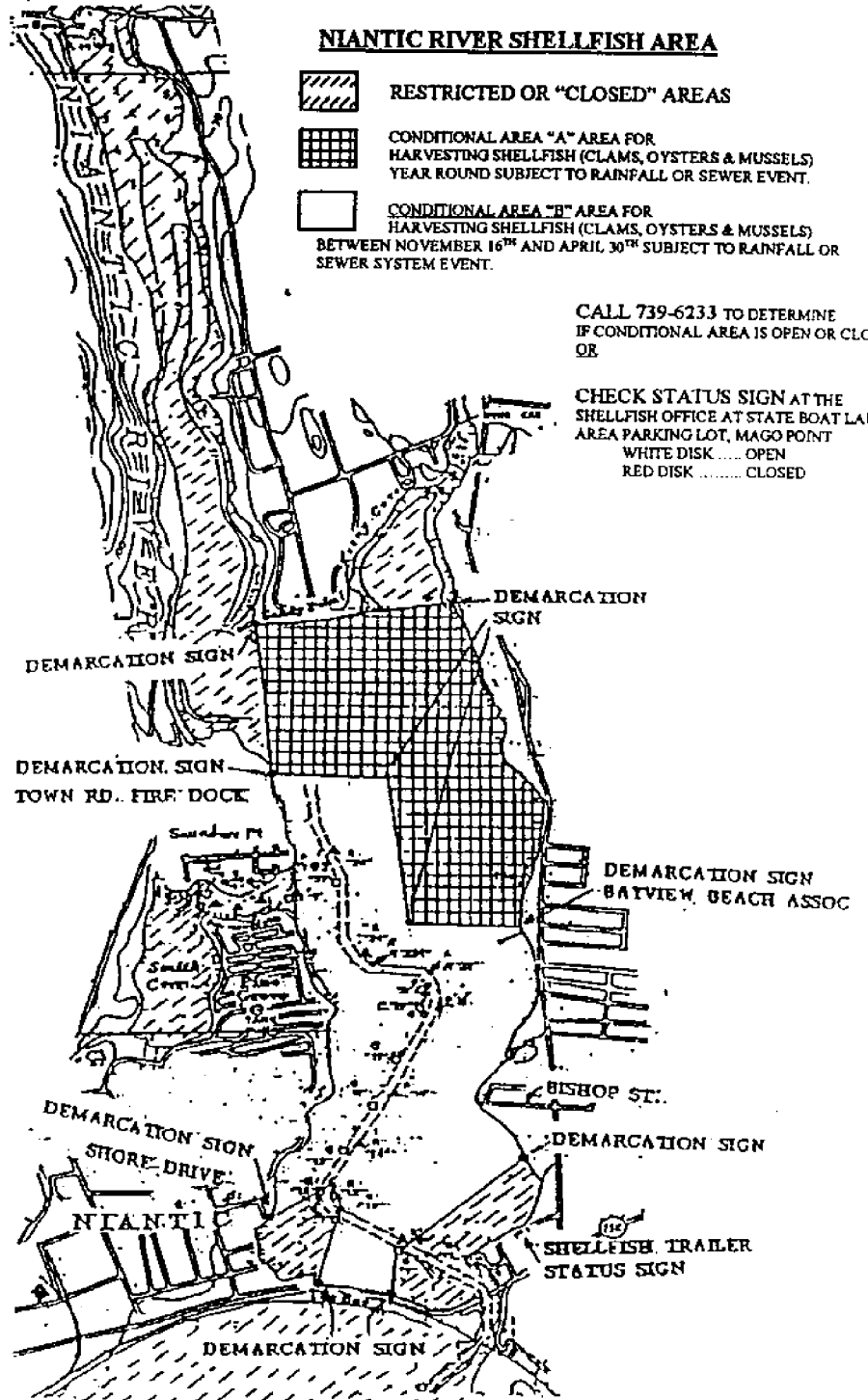
STONINGTON POINT AREA

NIANTIC RIVER SHELLFISH AREA

-  RESTRICTED OR "CLOSED" AREAS
-  CONDITIONAL AREA "A" AREA FOR HARVESTING SHELLFISH (CLAMS, OYSTERS & MUSSELS) YEAR ROUND SUBJECT TO RAINFALL OR SEWER EVENT.
-  CONDITIONAL AREA "B" AREA FOR HARVESTING SHELLFISH (CLAMS, OYSTERS & MUSSELS) BETWEEN NOVEMBER 16TH AND APRIL 30TH SUBJECT TO RAINFALL OR SEWER SYSTEM EVENT.

CALL 739-6233 TO DETERMINE IF CONDITIONAL AREA IS OPEN OR CLOSED OR

CHECK STATUS SIGN AT THE SHELLFISH OFFICE AT STATE BOAT LAUNCH AREA PARKING LOT, MAGO POINT
 WHITE DISK OPEN
 RED DISK CLOSED





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