

TOWN OF TRURO

Shellfish Harvesting Guide

Type	Minimum Size	Weekly Limits
Mussels	2 inches	} Combined Weekly Catch Limit of One (1) Ten-Quart Bucket except for Oysters, which may constitute not more than half (1/2) of the ten-quart weekly limit (Weekly is defined from 12:00am Sunday thru 11:59pm Saturday)
Razor Clams	3 inches	
Softshell Clams	2 inches	
Oysters	3 inches	
Quahogs	1 inch across the hinge	
Bay Scallops	Closed. The Shellfish Constable may open the taking and establish catch limits	
Sea Clams	5 inches	Two (2) Ten-Quart Buckets per week

Additional Comments:

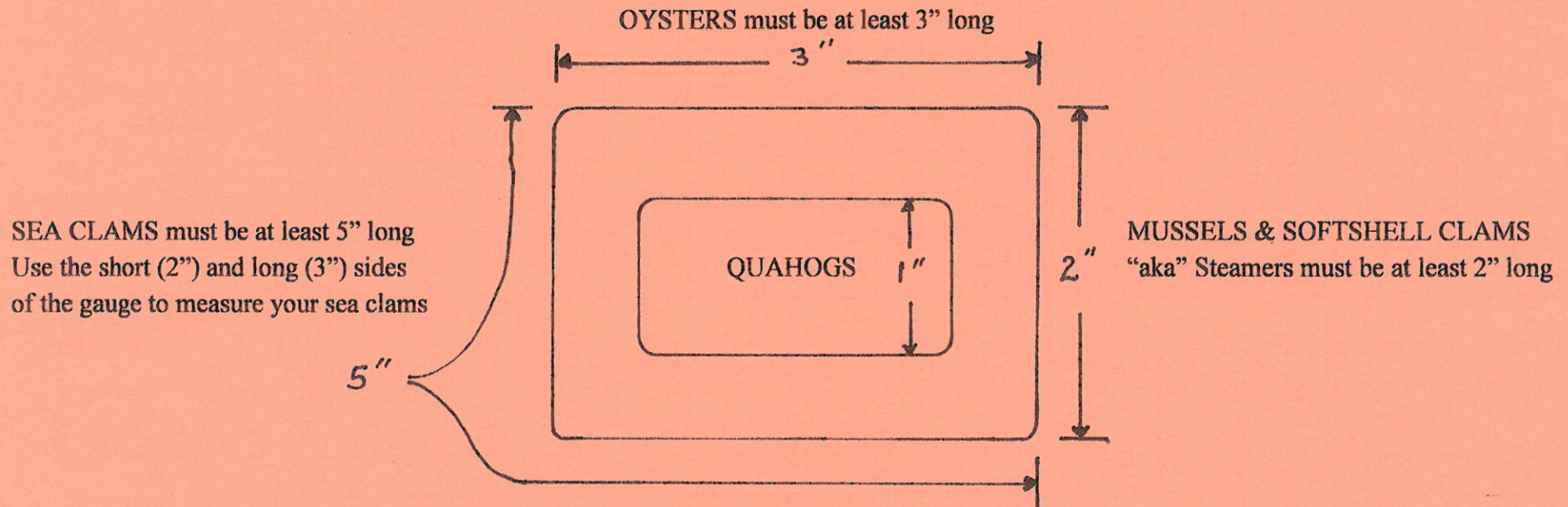
- 1) All limits are measured "in the shell". Field shucking is not permitted.
- 2) The limits for Sea Clams are separate from the limits for for all other shellfish
- 3) Razor Clams may only be taken by hand digging and scratching only. No salting is allowed

Shellfishing Season(s): By Location

- 1) Pamet Harbor & Basin -- Every Sunday between Nov 1st - Apr 30th
- 2) Truro Bay Beaches -- Open daily for shellfishing year-round

(Subject to closures at the descretion of the Shellfish Constable)

How To Properly Use A Shellfish Measuring Gauge



If a Quahog fits through the middle opening of the gauge, it is too small and must be returned to the flats.

Please help us promote growth of undersized shellfish by covering them with sand so that birds don't eat them and they can live another day filtering our waters and creating habitat for other marine life. Allowing shellfish to grow to legal limits ensures that they have a chance to reproduce and create the next generation of shellfish that will enhance our ecosystem AND our dinner tables!