

**Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts**  
**Policy Directive # \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Date Adopted: February 22, 1999**  
**Amended: April, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Policy Title/Subject: Shellfish Harvest Management Plan**

1. All shellfishing areas currently closed by the state due to pollution will remain closed once they are reopened by the state until such time that the Shellfish Advisory Board can develop, submit, and have approved by the Selectmen a Harvest Management Plan for said area. To ensure that the area(s) in question is (are) reopened in a timely fashion, the Harvest Management Plan must be submitted to the Selectmen within two weeks following the next regularly-scheduled Shellfish Advisory Board meeting which follows receipt by the town of the reclassification notice from the state. This recommendation shall not apply to shellfishing area N-6, Crane Beach.
  
2. Ipswich River Flats (appended effective 01/29/01)
  - A. Deleted (04/18/17)
  - B. A designated place (the Town Wharf, or Pavilion Beach when the Wharf is frozen) is recommended for landing and debarkation for all shellfishing in the area due to the potential for overdigging;
  - C. For commercial harvestation, foot access is strictly prohibited. Recreational shellfishermen may access the Ipswich River by foot, from just below the high water mark on either the northerly and/or southerly side of Neck Cove, to the open flats located west of the shellfish constable's boundary marker signs. All other existing rules and regulations regarding the Ipswich River shellfish areas shall remain in effect. (Amended effective 03/29/01)
  - D. Harvesting is limited to one low tide period per day at the discretion of the harvester.
  - E. Shellfish dealers are prohibited from utilizing the Town Wharf for purchasing clams from the shellfishermen due to the excess congestion it will cause and inappropriateness of conducting private business on public property.