

2024 Clinton Shell Fishing Information (updated 04/25/2024)

Where to Obtain Clinton Shellfish Licenses

1. Clintonshellfish.org (convenience Fees apply)
2. Andrews Memorial Town Hall—Town Clerk

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm Thurs 9:00am -7:00pm Fri 9:00am to 12:00pm Phone (860) 669-9101 Email town-clerk@clintonct.org

Please note that the Town Clerk does not accept credit cards. We accept cash only or check made out to Clinton Town Clerk

2. Members of Clinton Shellfish Commission—check made out to Town of Clinton with Shellfishing license in memo field

3. Clinton Town Marina Dockmasters Office (seasonal)

Always call 860-664-6444 for closed/open status

Shellfish License Fees:

Resident – \$25.00

Resident Senior/Military – \$15.00

Non Resident – \$75.00

Non Resident Senior/Military – \$65.00

Daily – \$25.00

Only cash and check are accepted in person. Credit cards online. A driver's license or other proof of Clinton CT residency is required (ex. utility bill envelope with name/address). Senior—65 yrs or older—Senior must be present. Military ID is required for Military designation.

2024 Recreational Shellfishing Season

Clinton Harbor Area A and B Jan 1st-December 31st

Check open/closed signs, 860-664-6444 phone message and website before shellfishing to ensure compliance with regulations

Shellfish Catch Limits

Resident and Non- Resident Limits

Species	Daily	Size Limit
Blue Mussel	1/4 Bushel	No Limit
Razor Clam	1/8 Bushel	5 Inches on Long Axis
Steamer Clam	1/4 Bushel	1 1/2 inches on long axis
Oysters*	1/4 Bushel	3 inches on long axis
Round Clam	1/4 Bushel	1 1/2 inches**

* Culled on bed ** will not pass through 1.5" ring

Map

The Map on the right shows the Clinton Coastline, the Hammonasset Indian And Hammock Rivers Respectively from Left to Right.

Locations Available for recreational Shellfishing

The only Shellfish Area approved for recreational shell fishing via the Clinton Licenses are:

Outer Clinton Harbor Area A & B (map on reverse)

Outer Clinton Harbor Area A is bounded by a line from the open/closed sign at Clinton Town Beach to the northern tip of cedar island bounded to the west by the Clinton Harbor channel to buoy 8 , and a line from buoy 8 to the open/closed sign on the beach at the end of West road and bounded the shoreline to the east.

Outer Clinton Harbor Area B is Bounded by a line drawn from the closed/open sign on West Road, to Clinton Harbor Buoy 8, bounded by the shoreline to the east, a line drawn from a closed/open sign to Clinton Harbor Buoy #4 and bounded to the west by the Clinton harbor channel

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2024 Clinton Shellfishing Regulations

Clinton Shellfish Licenses **MUST BE VISIBLE ON PERSON AT ALL TIMES WHILE SHELLFISHING**

- Are required for each person age 13 or older to harvest shellfish
- Are non-transferable
- Are subject to confiscation for breach of these or Connecticut State regulations
- Can be purchased from Clinton Town Hall Town Clerks Office or from Clinton Shellfish Commissioners
- A licensee may bring one guest, sharing one limit and one container, which must be in possession of the licensee at all times. The guest must stay in close proximity of the licensee. **License must be worn and visible**
- Shellfish harvested from recreational areas are intended to be consumed by the harvester and their family. **Not for barter or trade.**

Shell fishing Hours

Shellfishing is permitted between 30 minutes before sunrise and 30 minutes after sunset only when shellfish beds are open for harvest. Shellfish beds will close after rain events

Respect others' rights to quiet enjoyment when shellfishing early in the day

ALWAYS CALL THE CLINTON SHELLFISH HOTLINE AT (860) 664-6444 for up to date open/closed status

Harvest Methods

Shellfish may be collected by hand or with a rake. Dredges are prohibited

Shellfishers are strongly encouraged to use measurement rings available for \$2 at The Town Clerks Office or from Shellfish Commissioners to avoid taking undersized Shellfish

1/4 bushel (peck) = 2 gallons (in shell) , 1/8 bushel =1 gallon (in shell)

Parking

A shellfish license does not entitle you to a parking space. Best parking availability- Clinton Town Beach. Some areas do not offer legal parking and may be accessible only by boat

Note that illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed and may be towed

Public and Private Property

A shellfish license does not grant access across private property to recreational shellfish areas

On the shoreline, private property extends to the high tide line

Enforcement

Enforcement of shellfish regulations is carried out by multiple agencies including the Clinton Police Department, the Connecticut DEEP, the Clinton Shellfish Wardens, and the Clinton Shellfish Commission members.

Shell fishing is prohibited in closed or unmarked areas

PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF TOWN AND STATE REGULATIONS CAN BE

SEVERE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CONFISCATION OF SHELLFISH, AND CONFISCATION OF LICENSES AND FINES

For more information go to clintonshellfish.org

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Outer Clinton Harbor Area A & Area B

Conditionally Approved Seasons

Area A and Area B January 1st-December 31st

Areas will close after rain event—observe Shellfish Status Signs and

Always call 860-664-6444 for status

Shellfish Area accessible from Clinton Town Beach, Parking available at Clinton Town Beach (may require a separate parking pass (depending on time of year)

