



# Town of Darien

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## Shellfish Permit Application

(for personal & recreational purposes only)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Fee:

- Seniors (Darien & Stamford Residents only) **No fee**
- Darien & Stamford Residents..... \$20.00
- Non- residents..... \$40.00

**By signing this application, you hereby acknowledge that you agree to the rules and regulations for shellfishing in Darien as summarized:**

Permits are not transferable and must be carried in person when shellfishing. Permitted Darien residents may be accompanied by one adult guest who shares the daily limit. Children under 16 years may accompany permit holders provided they share the limit.

**Daily Limits:** (a typical 5 gallon bucket filled to 2 inches from the top equals ½ bushel)

### ***Type Limit Legal Size***

- Blue Mussels ½ bushel 2 inch or longer
- Steamer Clams ½ bushel 1.5 inch or longer
- Oysters ½ bushel 3 inch or longer
- Round Clams ½ bushel 1.5 inch or longer
- Razor Clams ½ bushel 4 inch or longer

**GENERAL SHELLFISHING RULES:**

- Shellfishing is permitted to those who have current licenses
- Shellfishing is permitted in areas currently designated as open
- Shellfishing is permitted year round between sunrise and sunset
- All rivers and streams are closed to shellfishing
- Shellfish may be collected by hand or with a rake.
- Dredges are prohibited.
- Shovels are not permitted for the collection of steamer clams
- All catches and permits are subject to inspection by Town Officials

**NOTE: Shellfishing waters are closed after a 3” rainfall event. General information on the open/closed status of shellfishing waters in Town can be obtained by calling (203) 838-9807**

**Liability Waiver & Warnings:**

The Board of Selectmen and the Town of Darien are not responsible for injuries or damage suffered while shellfishing within Darien’s jurisdictional waters and coastal areas. By applying for and accepting a shellfish permit, the holder recognizes that conditions along shorefront areas contain hazards such as deep holes, uneven ground and drop-offs that may be hazardous. By shellfishing within Darien’s boundaries, the holder of a shellfish permit agrees to assume all risks and liabilities inherent in this activity, including, but not exclusively, those flowing from the natural and man-made hazards of Darien's coastal areas. By accepting a shellfish permit, the holder acknowledges the existence of such hazards and dangers, and agrees that the Town of Darien and the Board of Selectmen are not responsible for any damage or injury incurred while shellfishing in Darien' s coastal areas.

I hereby agree to conditions stated above:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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For office use only

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Permit Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit # \_\_\_\_\_