

September 28, 2026

Subject: Oyster Harvest Season Opening

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

The West Tisbury Shellfish Advisory Committee, in a unanimous vote during the September 24, 2026 meeting, recommends to the Board of Selectmen that the oyster harvesting season begin Saturday October 30, 2026 for recreational/family permits, and that the Commercial harvesting of oysters begin Monday, November 2, 2026

The Commercial daily limit of 800 pieces caught on 3 out of 5 weekdays, Monday through Friday, for a total of 2,400 pieces is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

West Tisbury Shellfish Advisory Committee

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