

West Tisbury Family Oyster Harvesting 2025

Oysters can be harvested from shore with minimal gear at Sepessia. A clam rake or dip net will suffice, and using a peepsite will help locate oysters efficiently. Remember, you'll need to measure for legal-size oysters and remove any seed from adult oysters, so please bring these two essential tools with you.

The family harvest limit is 1/2 bushel, equivalent to a 5-gallon bucket, and this limit is allowed once per week.

The legal size range is 3" to 5". Be sure to bring a measuring device to ensure compliance.

Please bring a tool to remove seed from adult oysters, and try to chip from the hinge to reduce the risk of breaking the oyster. A chisel works well for this task. Return seed where it was harvested.

Harvesting is prohibited when the temperature is below 28°F.

Please respect public property boundaries while harvesting.

Lastly, be safe, have fun and enjoy the oysters.



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