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Date: October 6, 2021  
From: Heinz Proft, Harwich Natural Resources Director  
To: Harwich Waterways Committee & Harwich Board of Selectman  
Subject: Recommendation and proposed Shellfish Permit Rates for 2022

Harwich shellfish permit regulations and cost structure are an appendix to the Harwich Harbor Management Plan (HMP) and updating them at the time the HMP is updated is optimal.

The last time shellfish permit rates were addressed and increased was in January 2018. I would like recommend an increase in our shellfish permit rates as we head into January 2022. Shellfish permits are purchased and expire at the end of the calendar year.

Recent Harwich Shellfish Permit Sales:

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021 (ytd)</b>
RESIDENT	177	158	194	188
NON RESIDENT	31	24	31	48
COMMERCIAL	3	7	3	4
RESIDENT SENIOR (65+)	160	157	157	175
ONE DAY Non Resident	65	27	52	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>452</b>

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
RESIDENT	\$25/year	\$30/year
NON RESIDENT	\$65/year	\$70/year
COMMERCIAL	\$55/year	\$60/year
RESIDENT SENIOR (65+)	\$10/year	\$15/year
ONE DAY Non Resident	\$25/ one day	\$30/ one day

\*Replacement fee for lost permit \$2.00 \$5.00

The rates will remain in effect for at least 3 years. It is difficult to make fair comparisons with neighboring towns due to the fact regulations vary by town. Open shellfishing areas, days of the week, areas open to shellfishing, harvest limits, and shellfish available for harvest are very different. I recommend the above rate changes for calendar year 2022.

Sincerely,

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