

Ipswich Shellfishing Flats Guide

Ipswich is fortunate to have more than 900 acres of shellfishing areas.

Generally, the beds are open year round and are accessible to both commercial and recreational shellfishermen with permits. The exceptions are:

- Available to Recreational permit holders **only**:
 - Richie's Ground (Clark Beach)
 - Mitchell's Ground
- Available Winter Season **only** (specific dates to be announced annually)
 - Ipswich River
- (#56) Steep Hill – Closed Year Round per State.
- Oyster Season is October 1- April 30.
- All beds are closed Sundays, May 1-September 30.

It is the responsibility of each permit holder to know the status of shellfish areas. Shellfish permit holders must be familiar with and abide by all the Ipswich Shellfish Rules and Regulations, including the catch limits.

Bed closures due to rain or other contamination are announced on the Clam Line. Please call **978-356-6671** for the daily updates.

Recreational permits are available from the Town Clerk, during regular business hours.

To speak with the Shellfish Constable, please call **978-490-6183**.

The Shellfish Rules and Regulations are available at the Town Clerk's Office, the Police Station and at <http://www.ipswichpolice.org/shellfish.htm>

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