

Ipswich Shellfishing Flats Guide

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

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

- ❖ Flats available to Recreational permit holders **only** (highlighted in blue):
 - (#26a) - Richie's Ground (Clark Beach)
 - (#55) - Mitchell's Ground

- ❖ Areas available in Winter Season **only** (specific dates to be announced annually)
 - Ipswich River
 - Fox Creek

- ❖ (#56) Steep Hill – Closed Year Round per State.

- ❖ Oyster Season is from October 1- April 30. (Selling of Oysters is strictly prohibited!)

- ❖ All beds* are closed Sundays, May 1-September 30.
 - *(#26) – Richie's Ground is open Sundays to recreational permit holders ONLY.

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.

Clam flat closures due to rain or other conditions are announced daily 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.

The Shellfish Rules and Regulations are available at the Town Clerk's Office during business hours and online at <http://www.ipswichpolice.org/shellfish.htm>

Approved by the Board of Selectmen