

**Town of Deer Isle**

**2025 Annual Shellfish License  
and Lottery Procedure**

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**Deer Isle Annual Shellfish License Allocation Procedure Plan**  
**2025 License Allocation and Lottery Procedure**

**1. 2024 Shellfish License Fees are as follows:**

Commercial Resident	\$800
Commercial Non-Resident	\$1200
Commercial Resident Sr.	\$100
Commercial Non-Resident Sr.	\$200
Commercial Resident Jr.	\$100
Commercial Non-Resident Jr.	\$200
Recreational Resident Annual Pass	\$25
Recreational Non-Resident Annual Pass	\$50
Recreational Non-Resident 3 Day Pass	\$20
Recreational Resident Senior (over 65 years)	FREE
Recreational Non-resident Senior (over 65 years)	FREE

**2. License Application and Sales**

A municipal shellfish license is required for anyone 13 years of age or older.

All classes of shellfish harvesting license applications will be made available through the Town Office of Deer Isle. Qualified individuals requesting licenses will be issued an application upon request. The town office will issue a receipt indicating an application has been received, if requested by the applicant.

To qualify for a municipal commercial shellfish license all applicants must have completed the mandatory conservation time requirement as specified in the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance of the Town of Deer Isle.

All shellfish harvesting licenses will go on sale during normal business hours at the Town Office of Deer Isle beginning May 6, 2025.

The effective date of licenses sold is June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

**3. Non-resident Commercial License Lottery and Sale Procedure**

Applications for all non-resident commercial shellfish harvesting licenses will be accepted on May 6, 2025 from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM at the Deer Isle Town Hall. The Town Clerk or designate shall issue non-resident commercial licenses at a rate of 10% of resident commercial licenses sold in accordance with DMR Regulation, Chapter 7 (7.40). To qualify to be included in the lottery, one must have completed 7 hours of conservation time before 8:30 AM on May 6, 2025

and must be present. The names will be drawn at 9:00 AM from the qualified applicants present. **License fees are due at time of drawing.**

**4. Resident Commercial License Distribution**

A resident commercial shellfish harvesting license will be available to residents (as defined by the shellfish ordinance) of Deer Isle on an unlimited basis for the period of issuance.

**5. Recreational Licenses:**

The number of recreational licenses will not be limited. Recreational licenses shall be issued to residents and non-residents, without restriction in number. Recreational licenses will be available at the Town Office of Deer Isle during their normal business hours. **Recreational licenses are not available to anyone holding a State of Maine Commercial Shellfish License or whose right to harvest shellfish has been suspended by the State of Maine.** Applicants who hold a State of Maine Commercial Shellfish License are required to notify the City/Town Clerk.

**6. Misrepresentation:**

Any applicant who deliberately provides false or misleading information on an application shall be disqualified for any license or from participating in the license lottery. In addition, if a license is awarded to an applicant on the basis of false or misleading information, the license fee shall be withheld and the license declared invalid and void.

**7. Unpaid Fines**

**Unpaid fines:** A shellfish license shall not be issued to anyone that has outstanding fines for any violation of this ordinance until the fines have been paid.

**8. Documentation**

The Town Office of Deer Isle will keep all applications, commercial and recreational, submitted in that town on file and will issue an individual license to each qualified applicant.

The Town Office will provide a copy of the Shellfish Ordinance to an applicant at the time the license is issued, if requested.

**9. Proof of Residency**

In order to determine resident eligibility, residents shall provide two forms of proof of residency.