

BRANFORD SHELLFISH COMMISSION

P.O. Box 150 Town Hall Drive
Branford, Connecticut 06405

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Commission members: Chairman, Regis Vetrano, Boardmembers, Edward Kelsey and Michael Infantino Jr.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:PM at the SENIOR CENTER.

Over the last year we have monitored the shellfishing of our waters. It has been a very active year for commercial fishing and many along the shoreline have called upon us to check these boats and the areas of which they fish.

In the past, and now, each area to be worked is to be flagged so we can see if they are on the permitted ground's they are working.

A change in our shellfish ordinance took place on June 24, 1998 and passed by the RTM. This ordinance (Chapter 88) will add four new members to the present board, making it a seven member board. It also has a provision in it that requires the RTM for final approval of, leases, licenses and real property. Boundaries were also set for fishing along the shoreline.

We look forward to this new board and in the months to come hope to open up public areas for shellfishing along our shoreline. With this will come new ; permits, licensing, fee's and policing.

Respectfully submitted,

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