

The Shellfish Advisory Committee would like to make the following request to the Chilmark Selectmen.

The Limit for Menemsha Pond will remain at two bushels. Any person who fishes in Menemsha Pond then decides to fish in Nashaquitsa is allowed two bushels of bay scallops. If people want to harvest three bushels of bay scallops from Nashaquitsa Pond, they must also catch four totes of small bay scallops and deliver them to the Shellfish Department at the Quitsa Bridge. Any person caught harvesting three bushels of scallops after fishing from Menemsha Pond will be in violation, and forfeit their catch (a ticket will be issued). Any person who harvests only two bushels of scallops from Nashaquitsa will not be required to catch the four totes of small scallops. This rule will remain in effect until the end of the state's bay scallop season unless otherwise posted.

The committee believes that this would encourage individuals to move more seed and small adults. Historically bay scallops, in high densities, survive winters better in Menemsha Pond compared to Nashaquitsa.

