

Town of Brunswick, Maine

Shellfish Committee

February 3, 2026

MEETING AGENDA

Town Hall – Council Chambers
85 Union Street, Brunswick, Maine

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Conflict of Interest Policy

Members shall declare potential conflicts at the start of the meeting or prior to any item.

Roll Call of Members

Notice of Meeting

*Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026

Warden Report: None

Coastal Resource Office Updates:

- Shellfish Focus Day Fishermen's Forum
- Simpson Point Boat Launch Construction
- DMR Elver License Lottery
- Brunswick Comprehensive Plan
- Inside Climate New Article (Maine Shellfish Harvesters Caught up in Climate Related Closures)
- Westport Island Hard Shell Clam Collaboration
- DEI Research Project (later discussion item)
- 35th Annual edition of Zosterapalooza
- Climate Resilient Fisheries Co-Management Learning Network
- 2026 Coast Resource Draft Work Plan
- Brunswick Conservation Closure (Barnes Cove and Portions of Catlin Shore)

Town Clerk Updates:

- Intent filing deadlines

Meetings:

- Casco Bay Regional Shellfish Working Group – Meeting – January 20, 2026

Minutes: January 6, 2026

Adjustments to the Agenda

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Public comments at the beginning of the meeting are for non-agenda items and are limited to three minutes per speaker, with a total of 30 minutes.

10. The Committee will vote on recommendations for the number of licenses for the 2026-27 year.
2. (TABLED FROM JANUARY 2026) Discussion on the ability of resident commercial harvesters to move out of town. (Discussion)

This item is to take comments from the public on their reasons to support or not support the ability for resident harvesters to move out of town.

11. Discussion of the DEI Research Project (Discussion)
12. Discussion on Shellfish Warden's responsibilities (Member Thompson)
13. NEW BUSINESS
14. OLD BUSINESS
15. Set March meeting agenda

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Agenda Notes
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Roll Call of Members/ Notice of Meeting

Chair Sellers-Reynold will open the meeting, ask for a role call, and ask if the meeting was properly noticed.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026

This item is for the annual election of a chair and vice chair for 2026. Clerk Smith will take nominations for chair and once elected, the new chair will do the same for vice chair.

Warden Report:

N/A – Unavailable

Coastal Resource Office:

Coastal Resources Manager Devereaux will provide this report. A copy of his memo will be provided before the meeting.

Town Clerk Updates:

Clerk Smith will provide this report with reminders of intent deadlines. She will also be looking to see if a member of the committee wants to serve on the Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission.

Meetings: None listed in the agenda

Minutes:

The draft minutes are attached to the packet for your review and approval.

Suggested motion:

Motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2026.

Public Comments:

Comments will be allowed for thirty minutes, with each speaker being allowed three minutes in total for non-agenda items. (The Committee will follow the Council Procedures on Public Comments.)

10. The Committee will vote on recommendations for the number of licenses for the 2026-27 year. (estimate time – 30 minutes)

This is the annual setting of the licenses for next year. Detailed information is provided in the Coastal Resources Manager's report.

**2. Discussion on the ability of resident commercial harvesters to move out of town.
(estimate time – 45 minutes) (TABLED IN JANUARY)**

This item is for collecting comments from Commercial Harvesters and the public regarding their opinions on whether resident harvesters should be allowed to move out of town. Each person will have one opportunity to speak for up to 3 minutes on this topic. The Committee will discuss possible options. Staff will compile the comments to share with Council leadership and gather their thoughts on whether to allow residents to move out of town and maintain their license. Included in your packet is information about what other communities are doing. Included in your packet is information about what other communities are doing. Additionally, if moving is limited to senior harvesters, staff gathered historical data on how long 30 current Class A harvesters have held their licenses over the past 30 years. The table below shows the breakdown of this data.

Held licenses for 30 of last 30 yrs	Held licenses for 28/29 last 30 years	Held licenses for 20 of last 20 years	Held licenses for 18/19 of last 20 years
13	2	18	6

11. Discussion of the DEI Research Project (Discussion) (estimate time – 20 minutes)

This item is to discuss of a possible project by the Downeast Institute in Brunswick. Coastal Resources Manager will provide additional information at the meeting. Please refer to the Coastal Resources Manager's report for more information.

12. Discussion on Shellfish Warden's responsibilities (Member Thompson) (estimate time – 15 minutes)

Member Thompson requested this discussion item for the Committee to discuss the responsibilities of the Warden with the upcoming retirement of Warden Sylvain.

13. NEW BUSINESS

This item is an opportunity for Committee members to bring up new business items not included in this agenda.

14. OLD BUSINESS

This item is an opportunity for Committee members to bring up old business items.

15. Set March meeting agenda

This item sets the agenda for the March 2026 meeting. The major item will be to laying out the program for reporting landings.