

Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Agenda for April 8, 2026

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2025
3. Election of Officers
4. Adjustments to the Agenda
5. Pauline Update
6. Bill Update
7. Heidi Update
8. Annual Review Update 1227
9. Removal of Shellfish Limit Stave Island
10. Confirm the Bunkers Cove/Hog Island Closure change
11. Clam Day at the Forum, Wayne
12. SHAC Update
13. Mapping Inquire
14. Hard Clams
15. Moving of rest of lab equipment
16. Town Clam Day on Flats
17. Conservation Time
18. Proposed Ordinance Changes
19. Clam Landings
20. Next Scheduled Meeting is May 13, 2026

21. Motion to Adjourn

Gouldsboro Shellfish Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2026

Committee Members Present: Alan, Boog, Jon and Wayne

1. Meeting was called to Order by Boog at 1800 hours
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2025-- Motion was made to approve as written by Wayne, 2nd by Alan, motion carried unanimously
3. Election of Officers, after some discussion, A motion was made by Wayne to keep the current officers for another year, 2nd by Alan, motion carried unanimously
4. Adjustments to the agenda- Mike told us that we have a new Junior Digger Allie Bishko 20. Adding Quahogs and Razors clams to our ordinance
5. No update from Pauline
6. No update from Bill
7. Heidi talked about shellfish landings for 2025—Gouldsboros Landings were up over 15k pounds in 2025 over 2024
8. Mike told us the annual report was turned in December 2025
9. Mike told us that the shellfish limit had be removed from Stave Island Bar
10. Mike presented the combined wording of the Bunkers Cove and Hog Island Closures. Mike told us that Heidi had already read it over and the wording worked for her. After everyone got a chance to read it, there was a brief discussion why were combing. Mike told us that it was discussed at another meeting trying to make things easier to read. Boog made a motion to approve as presented, 2nd Alan, Motion carried unanimously.
11. Clam Day at the Forum, Wayne reported on attending the forum. He listened to the economic report, regarding the price of shellfish in the state. The price of clams in southern Maine was higher than in eastern Maine, he figured that was because the southern end of the state was closer to the market and the number of small places selling clams during the summer. There was a presentation on green crabs and the many ways that they are trying to find to use them from food, bait and compost. There was a discussion that followed his presentation. Heidi told us that DMR in not interested in managing green crabs. Someone asked why you had to have a license to harvest them. Heidi told us that it was so that they could have regulations regarding traps, so lobsters

couldn't be taken in a crab trap. Mike told us that green crabs will eat new shell lobsters. Wayne ended his recap with telling everyone that if they got a chance to attend the Forum they should.

12. Mike told us that he was reelected as the Chair of SHAC. He told us SHAC is trying to figure a way to get shellfish harvesters to come to a meeting and have an open discussion on issues both pro and con. He told us to think about what would prompt them to attend a meeting.

13. Mike told us that he had a company reach out to him regarding them mapping the clam flats in town. Things that they would be looking at would be type of mud, areas that could be affected by storm surge. The group was not interested at this time.

14. Mike told us that he filled out a survey whether Gouldsboro would be interested in purchasing quahog seed, would price make in difference in whether you would purchase seed. He ended the survey saying that it wouldn't be his decision, it would be up to the committee.

15. Moving the rest of the lab equipment, Mike told us that he would make arrangements with Dana and send out a message to get help with that. It was agreed that would work.

16. Town Clam Day on the Flats. Mike suggested a date but it was determined that was Memorial Day Weekend. Mike told us that he would go back a pick another date.

17. Conservation time. Mike told us that moving the lab equipment would count towards conservation time. He told us that the would look at tides, weather and send a message out. Group was ok with that.

18. Proposed Ordinance changes were discussed, they were ok with what was presented. Bill mentioned that we should have something added about dealing with shore access. The committee agreed. Motion made by Boog, 2nd Wayne, Motion carried unanimously.

19. Clam Landings was done earlier by Heidi

20. Heidi started the discussion about adding razors clams and quahogs to our ordinance. If we add quahogs and razors to our ordinance we can regulate areas of taking, amount and license the taking of them. If we are going to do it, it would have to include sizes and that she would provide language to use. The size of razors clams is 4 inches in the longest diameter. Quahogs at measured at the hinge at 1 inch. Jon made a

motion to add quahogs and razor clams to our ordinance. 2nd Wayne, the motion carried 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

21. Next Scheduled Meeting May 13, 2026

22. Motion to adjourn made by Wayne, 2nd Alan, motion carried unanimously.

Hog Island and Bunker Cove Closure Combined

From Schieffelin Point to Bradley Point -- All the shores and flats on the southeastern side of Schieffelin Point then running south to the end of Freeman Ledge, then southeast to the north tip of Taft Point, then northeast to south tip of Bradley Point.

2025 Soft-shell Clam Landings Table

KNOX COUNTY	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5 Yr. Avg.
CUSHING ⁵	259,568	383,274	266,765	6,128	5,425	184,232
FRIENDSHIP	100,619	39,654	38,314	21,700	26,761	45,410
NORTH HAVEN _x						*
OWLS HEAD _x	*		*			*
ROCKLAND _x	*			*	*	*
ROCKPORT _x						*
SOUTH THOMASTON ⁵	*	*	565		*	*
ST. GEORGE ⁵	98,000	17,194	9,114	94,496	195,921	82,945
THOMASTON ⁵		6,238	3,854	7,494	22,915	10,125
VINALHAVEN _x	70,199	27,751	28,148	19,903	23,648	33,930
WARREN ⁵						*
⁵ GEORGES RIVER REGIONAL TOTAL	357,568	406,706	279,820	105,322	224,370	274,757
COUNTY TOTAL	547,019	474,110	346,282	149,721	274,670	358,360
WALDO COUNTY	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5 Yr. Avg.
COUNTY TOTAL	2,110	*	15,199	*	*	8,654
PENOBSCOT COUNTY	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5 Yr. Avg.
HAMPDEN _x		*	*			*
COUNTY TOTAL	*	*	*			*
HANCOCK COUNTY	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	5 Yr. Avg.
BAR HARBOR	*	*	1,841	2,269	*	2,055
BLUE HILL	*	*	*	*	25,555	*
BROOKLIN	11,097	46,161	13,409	6,927	3,243	16,168
BROOKSVILLE _x	33,935	28,889	*	38,139	45,519	36,620
CASTINE _x	*	*	*			*
CRANBERRY ISLES	*	*	*	*	*	*
DEER ISLE ³	232,781	165,518	141,748	103,507	110,346	150,780
FRANKLIN ⁴	331,208	294,719	228,268	217,151	171,751	248,619
FRENCHBORO _x		*				*
GOULDSBORO	42,202	10,300	16,407	15,463	31,581	23,191
HANCOCK ⁴	24,606	34,780	34,928	49,173	77,377	44,173
LAMOINE ⁴	40,184	30,886	33,266	42,128	69,039	43,101
MOUNT DESERT		*	*	*		*
PENOBSCOT	*					*
ORLAND _x	*	*	*			*
SEDGWICK _x	*	4,198	7,888	16,046	28,832	14,241
SORRENTO ⁴	4,610	4,015	5,058	8,033	4,386	5,221
SOUTHWEST HARBOR	*				*	*
STONINGTON ³	61,662	*	35,140	42,990	39,871	44,916
SULLIVAN ⁴	153,715	120,589	130,923	107,136	61,755	114,823
SURRY _x	*	6,409	23,267	11,652	*	13,776
SWANS ISLAND	44,931	24,610	16,406	15,317	5,992	21,451
TREMONT _x	*	*	*	4,084	*	*
TRENTON ⁴	2,672	11,588	12,203	19,830	17,243	12,707
WINTER HARBOR _x	*	*		*	*	*
⁴ FRENCHMAN BAY REGIONAL TOTAL	556,995	496,577	444,645	443,451	401,551	468,644
COUNTY TOTAL	1,013,984	836,520	711,116	699,845	692,490	790,791