

York Shellfish Commission

Shellfish Harvesting in York River

Shellfish Conservation Commission

- David Webber – Shellfish Warden
 - Forrest Brenski (Harbor Master)
- Ari Leach – DMR Area Biologist
- Peter Jones, Brad Hunter, Mike Masi

Insure the protection and optimum utilization of shellfish resources within the town of York

- Limiting the number of shellfish harvesters
- Restricting the time and area where digging is permitted
- Limiting the minimum size of clams taken
- Limiting the amount of clams taken daily by a harvester.

Season: Digging is only permissible on Sundays between October 1st – April 30th in “Open” areas and between December 1st and April 30th in “Conditionally Approved” areas

Allowance: One peck of soft-shell clams per digger per day.

Minimum size: two inches along longest diameter



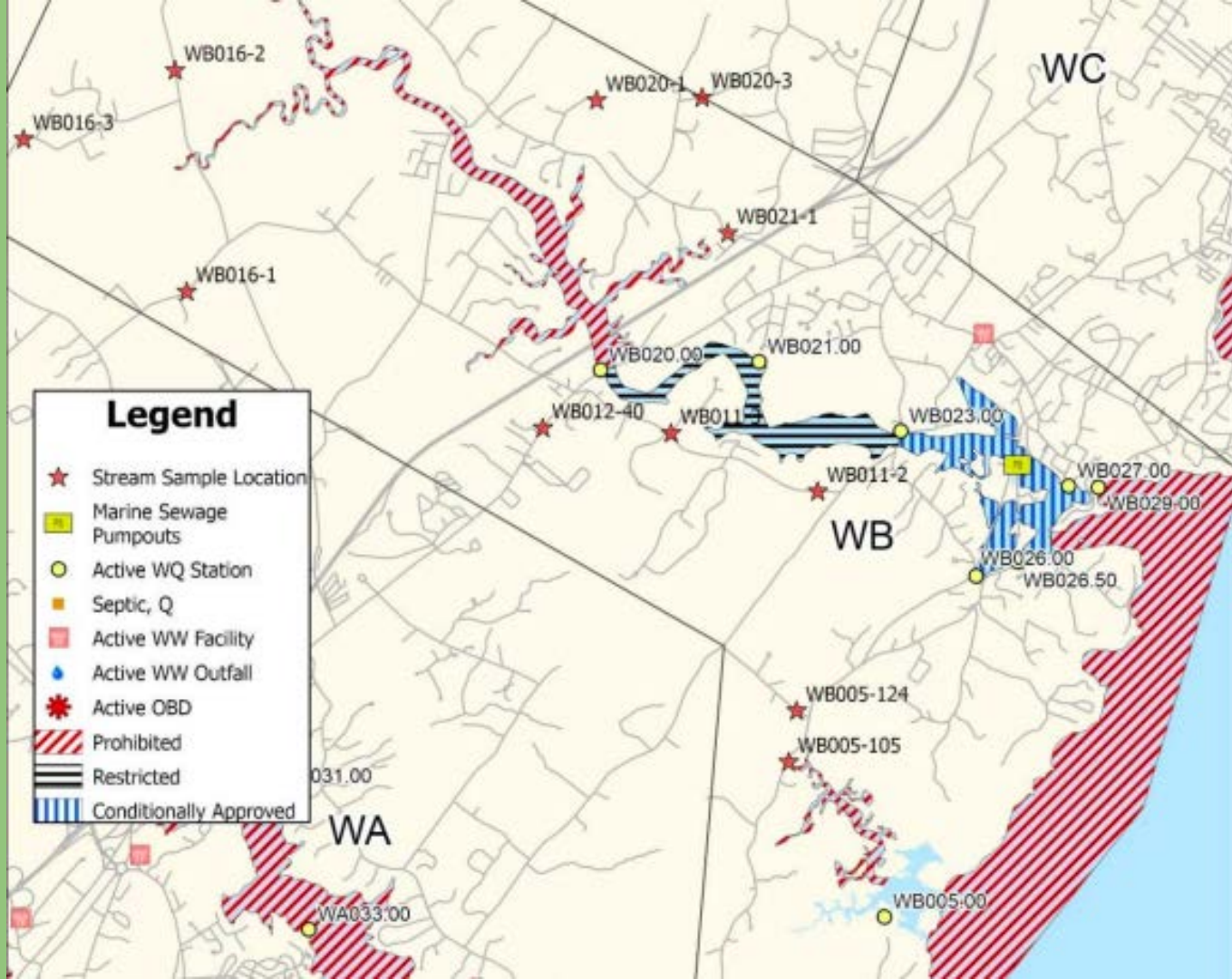
2024 License Allocation

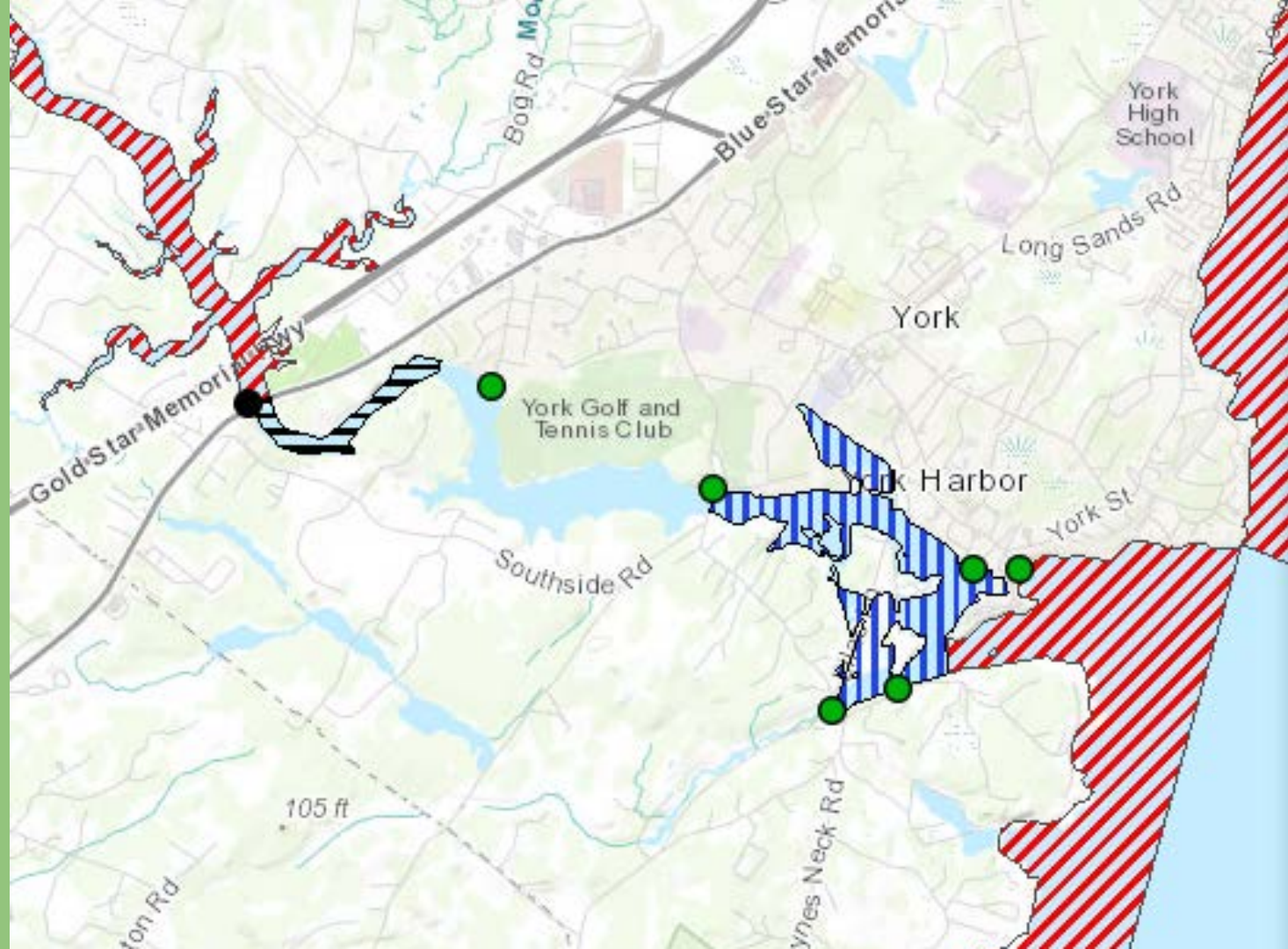
“How can you sell 125 licenses when you only have 124 clams” – DH

125 licenses available, 83 sold

- 67 Adult Resident (41) – \$15
- 8 Non-resident (8) – \$30
- 22 Junior Resident (9) – Free
- 3 Junior Nonresident (1) – Free
- 22 Resident Senior (21) – Free
- 3 Non-resident Senior (3) – Free







Shellfish Commission Future Work

1. Clean up/amend Shellfish Conservation Ordinance
 - a. Define Senior Licenses
 - b. Add Hardshell Clams, American Oysters, European Flat Oysters, Razor Clams, Surf Clams to the ordinance.
 - c. Decide if we'd like to amend the season to be consistent across all flats and Kittery (Dec. through April)
2. Survey the resource in Braveboat Harbor and the York River
 - a. Potential collaboration with Wild & Scenic