

Division of Fish and Wildlife – Marine Fisheries Section

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## TWO QUAHOG TRANSPLANTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Wednesday May 10, 2017 Greenwich Cove

**Thursday May 11, 2017** 

Bristol Harbor Independence Park Boat Ramp

Shellfishermen will be paid \$7 per 50 pound bag

Those that assist in dumping will be paid \$10 per 50 pound bag

- Both shellfish transplants will take place between 8 a.m. and noon.
- Shellfishermen wishing to take part in the transplants should report to the on-scene DEM enforcement patrol boat by 8 a.m. on the day of the transplant. The officers will collect licenses to facilitate accounting.
- Transplanted shellfish will be unavailable for harvest until December 2017. This closure will allow the shellfish to spawn and contribute toward replenishing adjacent areas.

The shellfish transplant program is a cooperative effort between DEM, the Narragansett Bay Commission, the shellfish industry, and the RI Department of Health.

2017 transplant funding is provided by the Narragansett Bay Commission.