## Greenwich Bay Quahog Transplant Tuesday May 2, 2023 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- This transplant will involve the harvest of bay quahogs from unapproved waters of Greenwich Cove and transplant into the Greenwich Bay Management Area (see map below).
- Any person with a valid 2023 commercial fishing license authorized to harvest bay quahogs is eligible to participate (i.e., Multipurpose License or Resident Standard License with Unlimited Shellfish endorsement). Participants must surrender their license to DEM Enforcement Officers for the duration of their involvement in the transplant.
- The transplant will stage at Rhode Island Clam, East Greenwich, RI. Staff from the Division of Marine Fisheries, DEM Law Enforcement officers, and Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) staff will be onsite to provide instruction, collect licenses, and guide participants to and from the transplant areas.
- Persons who have not participated in a transplant within the past three years must complete a W-9 form available <u>here</u>. NBC staff will be onsite to collect W-9 forms prior to participating.
- In no case may quahogs be removed from a location other than the designated harvest area or transplanted to an area other than the designated transplant areas. In no case shall participants transport harvested quahogs from the harvest area to the transplant area without specific instruction by DEM Law Enforcement officers.
- Bags will be provided; the number of bags provided determined by the number of participants. New bags may also be used.
- Participants will be paid \$15 per 50-pound bag; payment to be provided by the Narragansett Bay Commission.
- Please direct any questions to Patrick Barrett at the Division of Marine Fisheries <u>patrick.barrett@dem.ri.gov</u>

Below is a map of the transplant area outlined in red. Clams will be transplanted from Greenwich Cove in the area between the water quality closure line (extending from the DEM range marker located on Chepiwanoxet Point to the northerly point of Long Point) and the Rhode Island Clam staging area.

All harvested quqhogs will be transplanted into the western section of 8A in waters greater than 5 feet. The two specific transplant locations are marked in red and orange lines on the map. The northern location runs Baxter Creek to the end of Budlong Farm Road. The southern location runs west of sally rock point along the coast towards Goddard Memorial State Park.

