



**TOWN OF BRUNSWICK  
MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

**Board Composition.**

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**Terms of Office.**

The term of office is three (3) years.

**Meeting Schedule.**

1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Powers and Duties.**

The marine resource committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To administer and coordinate the shellfish conservation program.
- (2) To recommend to the town council how the money appropriated for shellfish conservation programs should be spent.
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- (7) To collect harvest data documenting local values of shellfish resources.
- (8) To make an annual written report to the town and the Department of Marine Resources detailing funds available, expenditures made, shellfish population data, results of all conservation and experimental programs, enforcement activities, and sources of pollution, predation, competition and other resource problems.
- (9) To establish annually in conjunction with the Department of Marine Resources the number of commercial shellfish harvesting licenses to be issued.

**Town Staff Person.**

Marine Warden – Dan Devereaux (725-6631)

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Current as of July 1, 2011

*(Code of Ordinance Chapter 11 and State Law M.R.S.A Title 12 6671)*

**CODE OF ORDINANCE**

**DIVISION 2. MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE\***

\* **Cross References:** Boards, committees, commissions, § 2-51 et seq.

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