

Mixed Clam Proposal

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1. Boat declares targeted species either Ocean Quahogs or Surf Clams.
2. Boat can separate clams at sea or at the plant.
 - a. If at sea - cages that are fully separated can be tagged according to their species.
 - b. Cages that are not separated will have a new NMFS mixed tag placed on the cage.
 - c. Cages with a mixed tag will be separated at the plant. The clams that are picked out shall have the correct species tag placed on the cage during production.
 - d. Cages run with the mixed tag will have to be accounted for at the end of the shift.

Example – One Hundred (100) cages run with mixed tag for a Surf Clam trip (majority of Surf Clams in the cages). As the Surf Clams are run through production the Quahog shell-stock shall be picked out and be placed in cages. As the cages are filled they will be tagged with Ocean Quahog ITQ tags. Say five (5) cages of Ocean Quahogs are picked out, the plant shall report ninety-five (95) Surf Clam ITQ tag numbers and five (5) Ocean Quahog ITQ tag numbers.

3. Enforcement

- a. Of course, the practice in place today will remain the same. All clams shall be tagged with the proper clam ITQ or the new mixed clam tag and must match the vessel, shipping and NMFS documents.
- b. At plant inspections can rely on visual separation and the use of production records.

Respectfully Submitted,

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