

The amount of time for the comment period is too short to give industry time to respond.

It appears that these changes were made for product other than soft shell clams, mussels and quahogs harvested in Maine.

The tide dependent harvest of these products does not fit with the time constraints of the new rules.

The proposed changes are too restrictive for harvesters and dealers in the shellfish industry in Maine. To implement and enforce these regulations would add costs and delays to the harvest, processing and shipping of our product. Thus adding to costs and delivery time, and effecting the quality and safety of the products.

It appears that these changes are being made for a specific product in one section of the country. They are not a good fit for the Maine shellfish industry.