

# RIDOH Dockside Program



On **April 19, 2019**, The Great South Channel Management Area was closed

## **Opportunities**

Georges Banks identified alternate surf clam harvest area

## **Challenges**

Biotoxin concerns in these waters  
Federal ordinance's provisions for harvesting in waters where biotoxins are a concern complicated and costly

**There is opportunity to support and potentially attract more surf clam industry to Rhode Island**

Program requires inspection, monitoring, sampling, and testing for compliance with federal laws & would cost approximately \$374,083 (staff and equipment).

Galilean Seafoods willing to pay fees to cover all costs

## **Why is this important?**

Supports Rhode Island businesses, the surf clam industry, and the communities where they are located

Creates Rhode Island jobs

Rhode Island remains competitive with other states and develops an innovative program.

Permit fees support program needs, including staff, equipment, and services.