

COMMERCIALLY IMPORTANT SHELLFISH

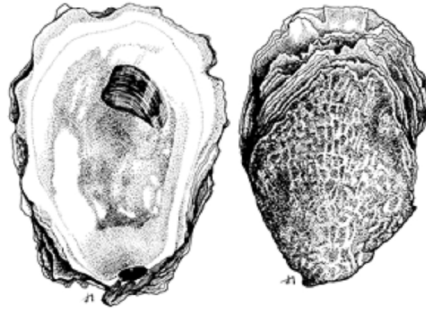
NATIVE TO NEW JERSEY



HARD CLAM - MERCENARIA MERCENARIA

Environment: Estuarine, partially buried in sand or mud bottom.

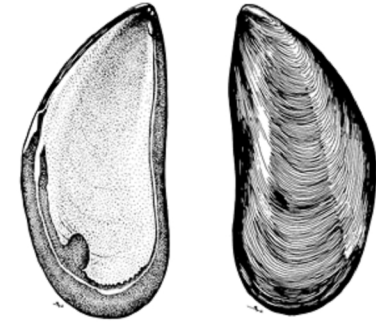
Size: 1 ½ - 5 inches



EASTERN OYSTER - CRASSOSTREA VIRGINICA

Environment: Estuarine, attached to rock, shells, pilings or any other hard object.

Size: 2 - 6 inches



BLUE MUSSEL - MYTILUS EDULIS

Environment: Estuarine and marine, exposed in clusters, attached to piles and rocks or in beds on hard bottom

Size: 1 - 3 inches



SOFT SHELLED CLAM - MYA ARENARIA

Environment: Estuarine, sandy or mud bottom.
Commerically important in northern Monmouth County, associated with depuration.

Size: 1 ½ - 6 inches



SURF CLAM - SPISULA SOLIDISSIMA

Environment: Marine, in N.J. surf line to 25+ miles offshore. Most found in less than 100 ft. of water.

Size: 5 - 7 inches



OCEAN QUAHOG - ARCTICA ISLANDICA

Environment: Marine, in N.J. 18 - 25+ miles offshore in 85 - 160 ft. of water.

Size: 3 - 5 inches