

# Survey Results

Annual Shellfish Management Review

Presentation to the ShAC

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# Purpose

- Solicit feedback on the utility and format of the annual shellfish management review forms (report).



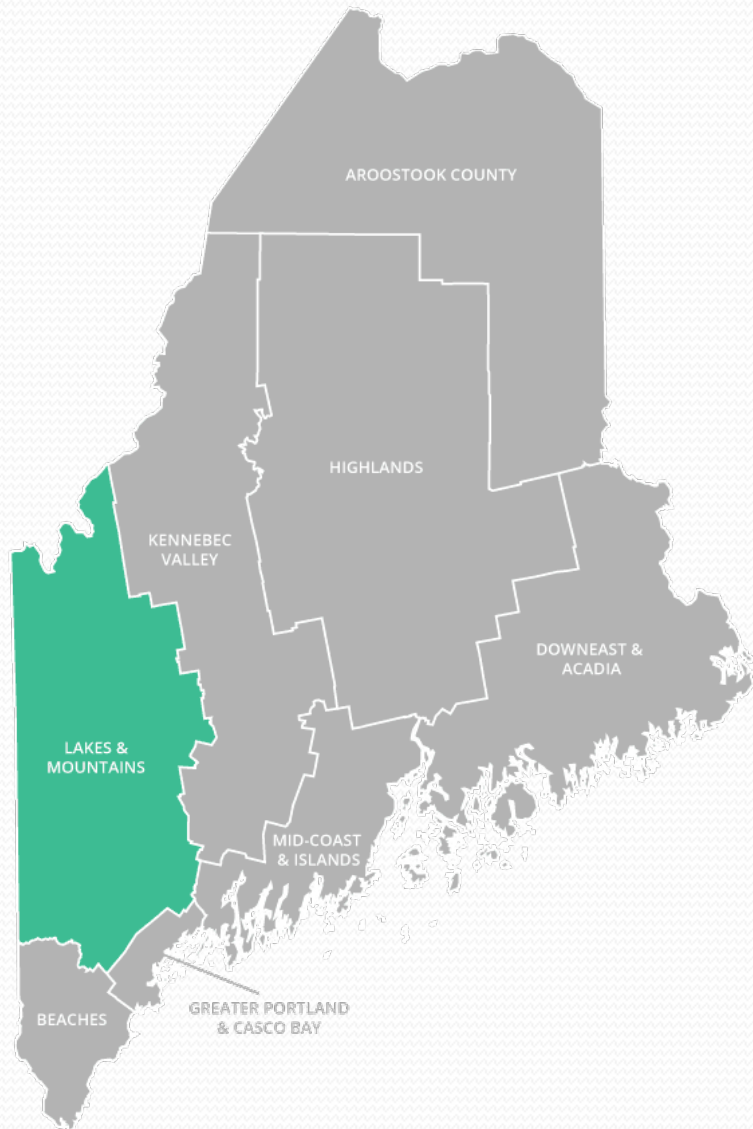
# Methods

- Questionnaire using Survey Monkey
  - Option to take survey over the phone
- Open 7/19-8/20
- Distributed primarily through email





# Results - Demographics

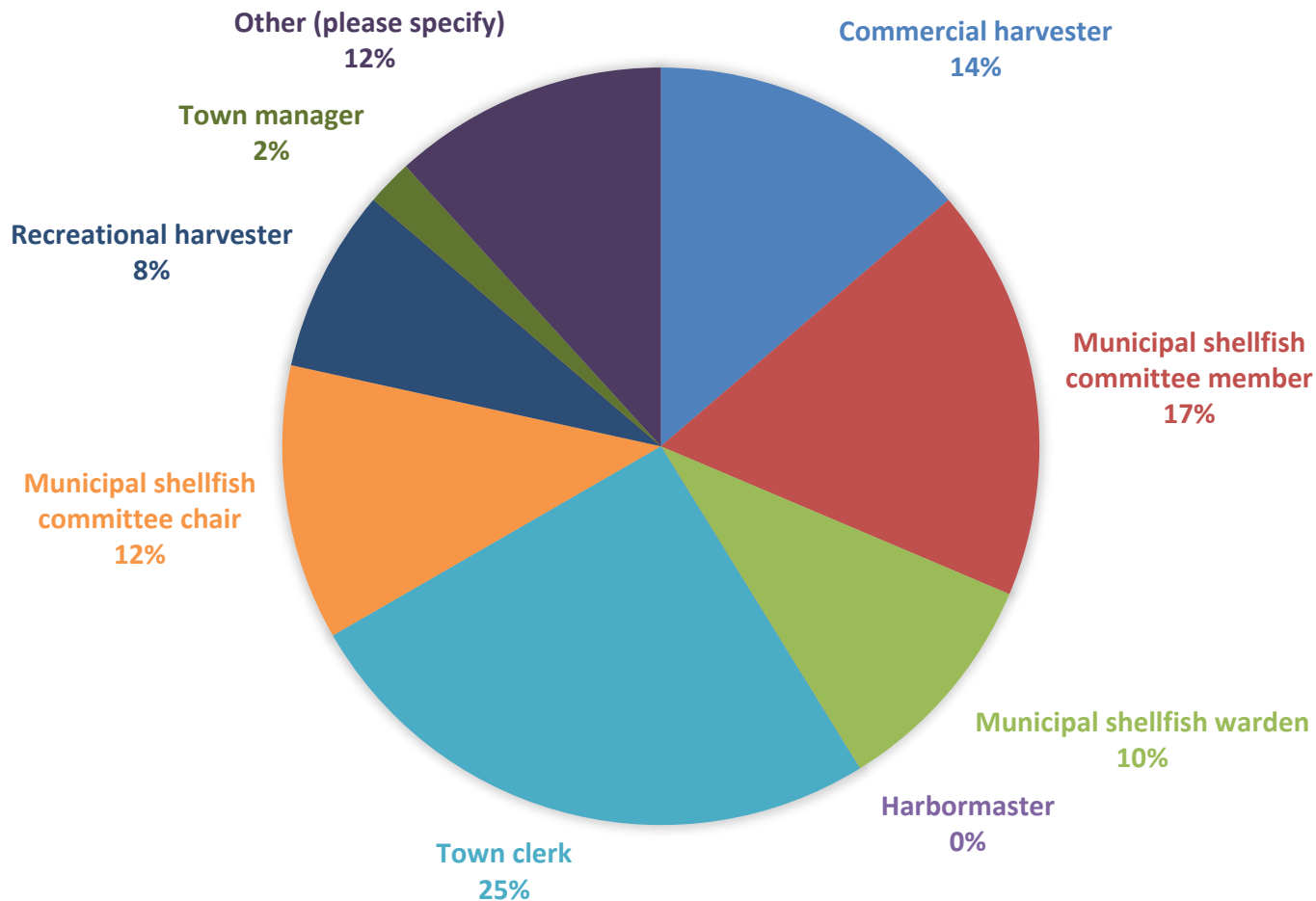


51 responses

- Downeast Maine (18%)
- Mid-coast Maine (27%)
- Southern Maine (51%)

# Results - Demographics

What is your primary role within the shellfish community?  
(Select one)



# Results – Existing Report

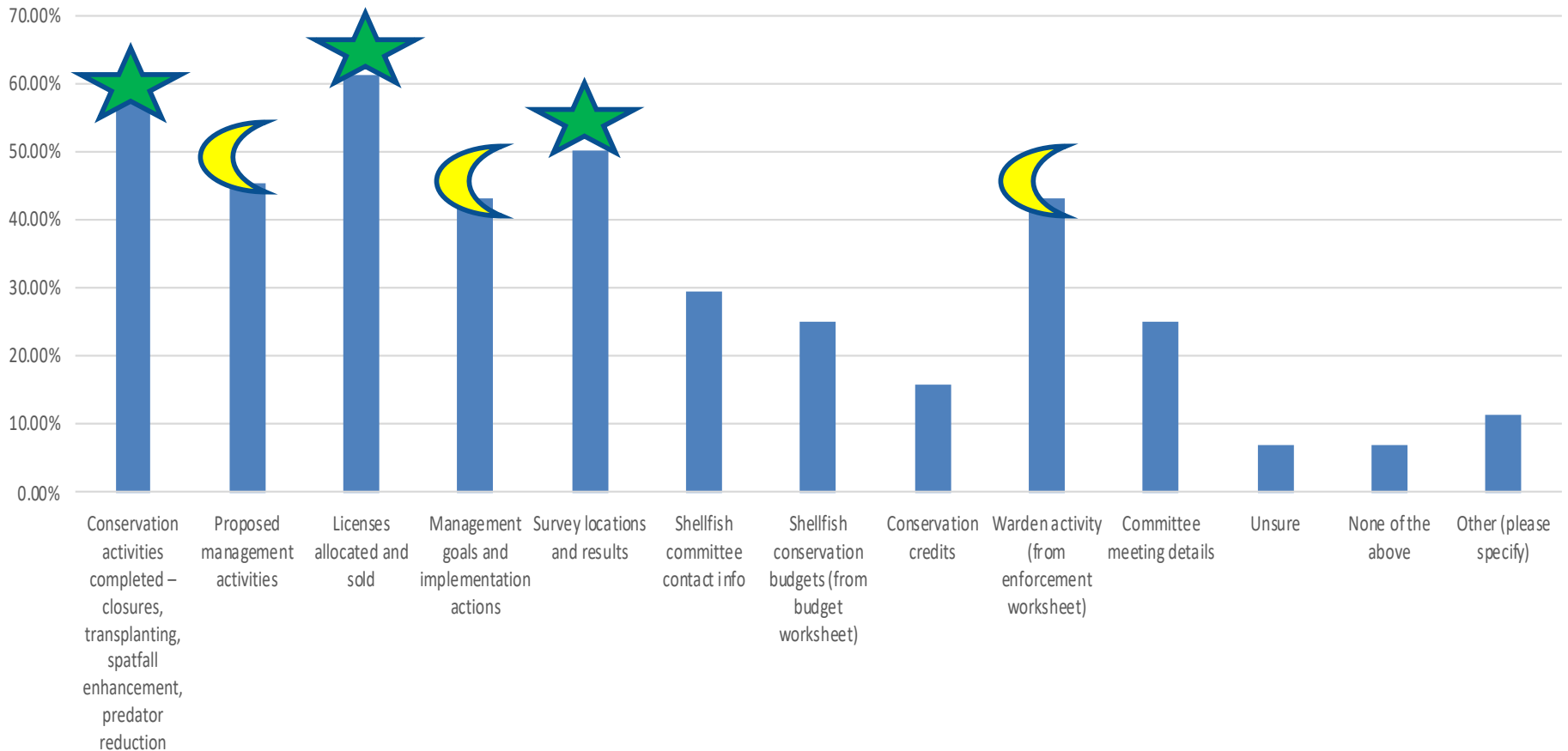
Who completes the report?

- Shellfish warden/MRCO (48%)
- Town clerk (43%)
- Municipal shellfish committee (32%)



# Results – Info & Data of Interest

On the current report, what information or data would you be most interested in having for shellfish conservation and/or management decisions in your town?  
(Select all that apply.)





## Results – New Information Requests

- Total intertidal acreage
- Maps
- Data on how conservation projects are enhancing shellfish populations
- Location information for conservation techniques
- Catch per unit effort
- Include more details on surveys – methods, time of year, intertidal gradient
- Survey data for all managed species
- Number of full-time and part-time diggers



# Results – Data Use

Does your town refer back to data or info in past reports?

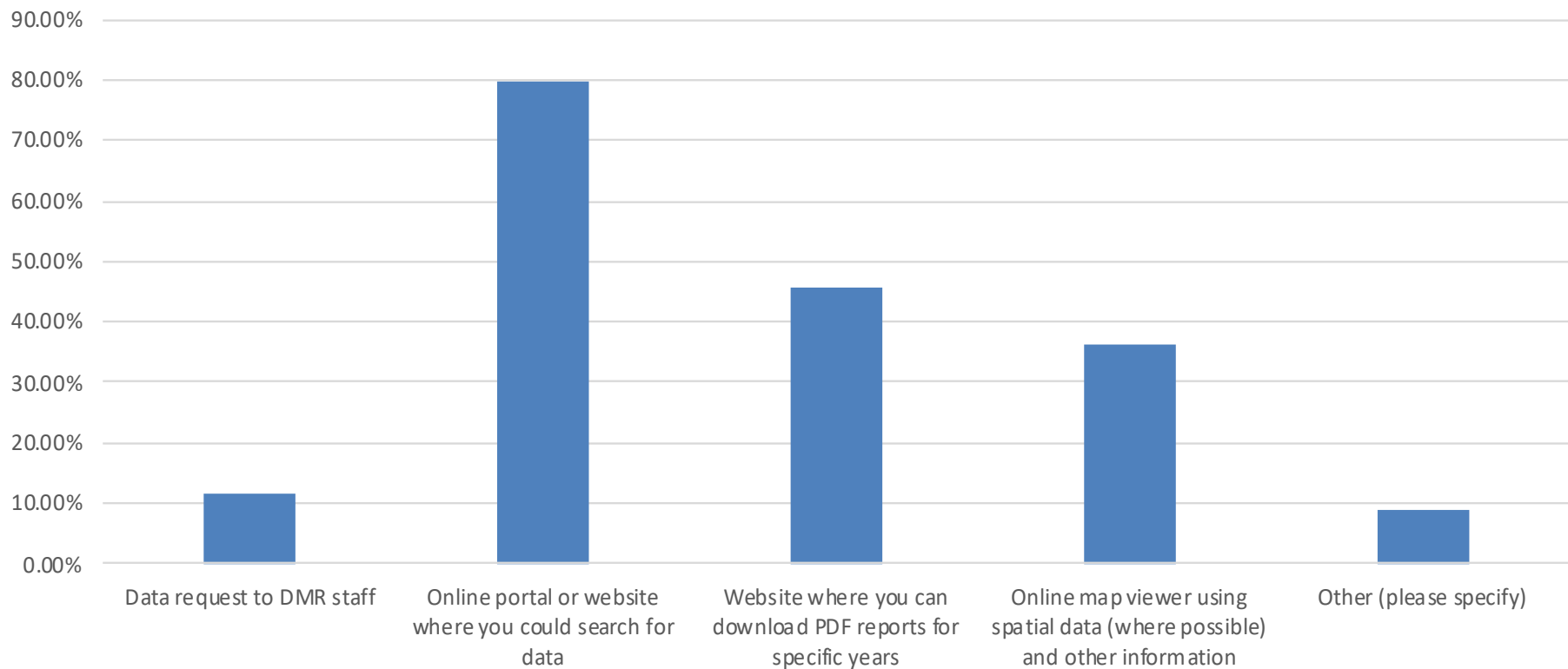
- Yes (46%)
- No (28%)
- Unsure (26%)

# Results – Data Use

- Useful to have online access to *their town's* information?
  - Yes (75%)
  - No (20%)
  - Unsure (5%)
- Useful to have online access to *other town's* information?
  - Yes (73%)
  - Unsure (18%)
  - No (9%)

# Results – Access

If information from past or future annual reports is available online, how would you like to access this information?  
(Select all that apply.)





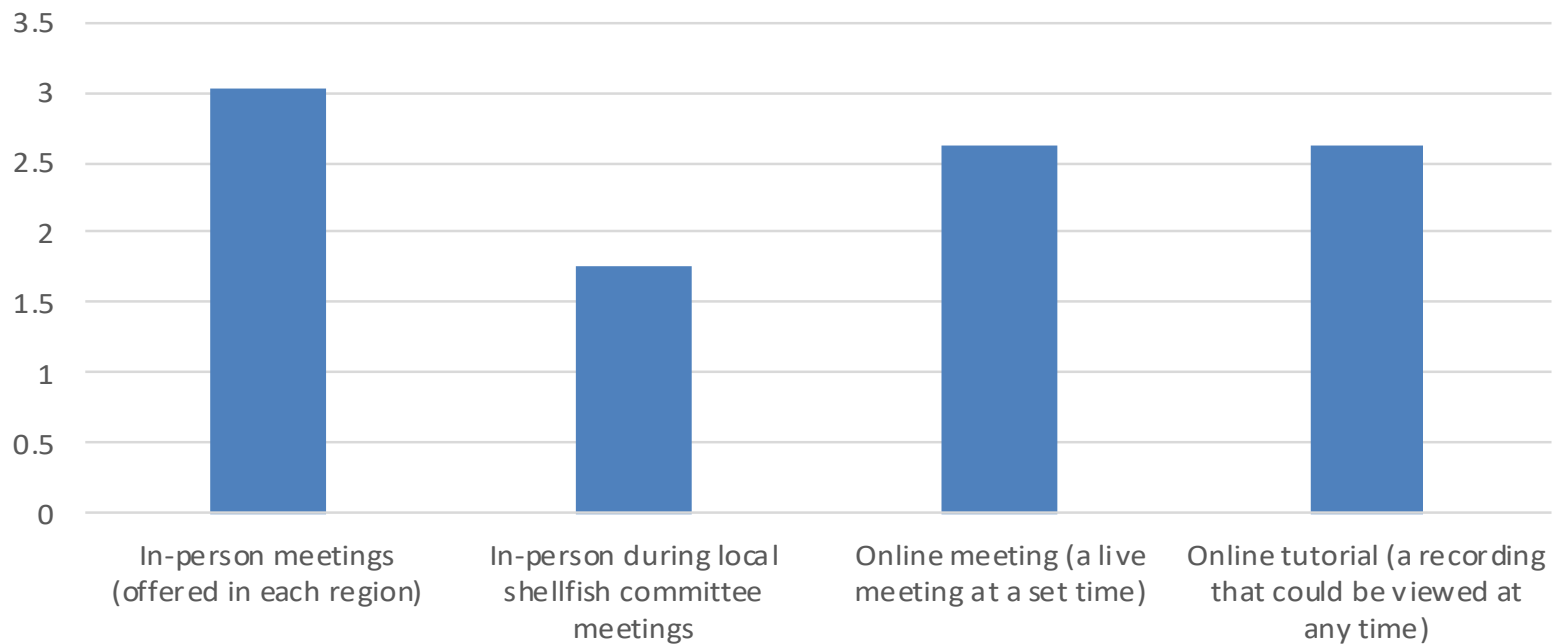
# Results – Report Transmission

What options do you prefer for submitting the report?

- Online form (36%)
- No preference (31%)
- PDF form (27%)

# Results - Training

If training is provided on a new report and/or submission process, what format would you prefer?





# Recommendations

- Further scoping in mid-coast and downeast Maine
- Support for reviewing and revising the forms
- Municipalities are using information from past reports, and are highly supportive of online access
- Discuss feasibility of developing an online data portal or website to access reports/data
- Support for revising how reports are submitted
- Develop training course in-person and regionally once new forms and/or submission process are developed



# Next Steps

- Develop a working group or subcommittee
  - Further scoping in underrepresented regions of the state
  - Discuss next steps based on stakeholder feedback
- Solicit feedback again when a draft of the forms is developed, and trial forms in a few towns
- Continue to engage the ShAC in this initiative