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The Wellfleet Board of Selectmen will hold a public meeting on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Wellfleet Town Hall Conference Room, 300 Main Street, Wellfleet, MA 02667.

I. Business

- A. Approve letter to Division of Marine Fisheries regarding the removal of spat collecting devices in Chipman's Cove.

II. Adjournment

NOTICE

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In accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23A, 23B and 23C as amended by chapter 103 of the Acts of 1976, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the following board will be held at the time and place set forth below:

Board of Selectmen on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 5:00 PM
Board, Committee, Commission Day Date Time

Town Hall Conference Room
Place of Meeting

Public Meeting – please see agenda

Purpose

Signed

August 10, 2017

Date



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA ACTION REQUEST
Monday, August 14, 2017

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BUSINESS

REQUESTED BY:	Helen Miranda Wilson
DESIRED ACTION:	Approve and sign a letter
PROPOSED MOTION:	I move to sign and send a letter to Michael Hickey of the Division of Marine Fisheries regarding spat collecting devices as provided in the meeting packet.
ACTION TAKEN:	Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____ Condition(s):
VOTED:	Yea _____ Nay _____ Abstain _____



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August 14, 2017

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries
Michael Hickey, Shellfish Program Manager
1213 Purchase Street 3rd Floor
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mr. Hickey:

We respectfully request that the Division of Marine Fisheries grant the Town of Wellfleet permission to extend the deadline for the removal of spat collecting devices from CCB 13 (Chipman's Cove) to October 20th annually.

Calm waters make the Cove one of the most efficient areas in the Harbor to catch spat for lease holders who may otherwise have less success doing so on their grants. The Shellfish Department and the Shellfish Advisory Board have been giving this issue careful consideration over the last year and fully support it. The Conservation Commission is fully apprised of the situation and will be kept informed. Communication has been improved between the two Departments because of this, which is all to the good.

Spawning and sets in the Cove have been observed later and later in the year, well into September or even October. Because whatever is collected on the devices needs enough time to develop a bit before being transferred to aquaculture farms (moving the tiny oysters too soon results in a high rate of mortality) it would be of great benefit to allow us to amend our regulation.

Last year, we appreciated your permission to extend the 2016 deadline past September. It made all the difference for a number of aquaculturists.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

The Wellfleet Board of Selectmen

Dennis Murphy, Chair

Janet Reinhart, Vice Chair

Kathleen Bacon, Clerk

Jerry Houk

Helen Miranda-Wilson