

**ARTICLE XX: Shellfish Revolving Fund Spending Limit.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a spending limit for FY2022 of \$50,000 for the Shellfish Revolving Fund established pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, \$40,000 of which will get transferred to budget line 180 which is the Shellfish Department's propagation budget.

***Majority vote required.***

**Selectboard:**

**Finance Committee:**

**Shellfish Advisory Board:**

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this article is to establish the spending limit for the Shellfish Revolving Fund which was established for propagation efforts. The Shellfish Department's propagation efforts include the seeding of quahogs and oysters in all Wellfleet waterways which also contributes to improving water quality and natural oyster set in our harbor to benefit growers and spat collectors. This revolving fund takes the responsibility for funding the shellfish department's budget line 180 out of the taxpayer's pockets and puts it in the hands of those who make their living in the shellfish industry and those who harvest shellfish recreationally. The Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund revenues will be derived from shellfish grant revenue and permit fees. The Revolving Fund expenditures may be used for the propagation, cultivation, protection and study of shellfish only.