



**Town Shellfish Crier
September 29, 2017**

1. South Lieutenant Island Area

South Lieutenant Island opens for commercial handpicking of shellfish on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, a half an hour before sunrise. Catch limits are as follows: Oysters and quahogs = 1 bushel and soft shell clams = 3 bushels.

2. Recreational Shellfishing

As of Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, recreational shellfishing is allowed seven days a week at Indian Neck, Blackfish Creek and South Lt. Island. Non-commercial catch limits remain at one 10-quart basket a week of all shellfish combined.

3. Bay Scallop Season Opens

The commercial bay scallop season opens on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at a half hour before sunrise. Regulations are as follows:

4.20. Annual Opening and Closing of Scallop Season

Scallop season shall open October 1st and shall close April 1st the following year, except when otherwise regulated.

6.2.4. Commercial Catch Limits

6.2.4.1. Bay Scallops

No vessel shall take more than ten (10) bushels (tied) of scallops, including shells. No more than twenty (20) bushels (tied), shells included, shall be taken by any vessel having two (2) or more permit holders on board, in one (1) day. The captain of said vessel shall be cited for each violation.

4.14. Possession of Seed Restricted

No person who does not hold a state propagation permit or an aquaculture license shall have in his or her possession seed shellfish, defined as; quahogs less than one (1) inch wide (thickness of both valves across the hinge); soft-shell clams less than two (2) inches in length; oysters less than three (3) inches in height (except for aquaculture license holders under certain conditions as specified in Section 7.16 (Undersized Oysters, Quahogs and Surf Clams) or **bay scallops without a well defined raised annual growth line. A violation of this regulation shall exist if the take contains more than 5% seed shellfish per batch.**

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 to make sure we have your email and cell phone numbers for these important communications. Thank you!

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