



Wellfleet Shellfish Department



300 Main Street, Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667

August 31, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF SHELLFISH GRANT LICENSE #851

The Town of Wellfleet Shellfish Department (WSD) and Selectboard announce the availability of shellfish grant license # 851 (one acre), located on Field Point. This site is generally sandy-bottomed and high and is frequently exposed for rather long periods of time. Shifting sands may be a limiting factor in quahog culture. Access to this grant is by foot and truck.

See coordinates and close up map attached; see also big map where grant is highlighted.

Applications may be downloaded from the Town of Wellfleet website on the Shellfish Dept. webpage. The Shellfish Department will also have applications printed out and available at our office at the pier. The application period will be open for 30 days, concluding on **Friday, September 29, at 4 p.m.**

If more than one qualified person whose name does not appear on another shellfish grant license applies to hold the license, the Selectboard will hold a public lottery within 14 days to impartially determine who shall be awarded the grant. In this case, the Selectboard public hearing for the lottery extraction is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7 p.m.** Please refer to full regulation 7.2 Previously Established Grants that Become Available below for further details.

Whomever is awarded this grant will be required to clean up and remove all old aquaculture gear on a deadline and before his/her farm activities begin. Eligible applicants will receive a call from the Shellfish Constable in the beginning of October to go over their applications and other details.

Applications and the required supporting documentation must be emailed to Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta Nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or turned in to her directly by **Friday, September 29, at 4 p.m.** No exceptions will be made.

Applicants must familiarize themselves with the Town of Wellfleet Shellfishing Policy and Regulations, Section 7. Shellfish Aquaculture and satisfy all eligibility criteria listed in Section 7.8.1 below. No exceptions will be made. **Bolded criteria below need to be submitted together with the application itself by the deadline.**

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Please read carefully and submit all required documentation. Incomplete application packages will not be considered. Any individual who submitted an application for the lotteries that took place on December 20, 2022, only needs to fill out the application and submit it with a five-year business plan. No further back-up documentation is necessary, as the Shellfish Department still has it on file.

7.8.1. Eligibility Requirements: Licenses shall only be issued to domiciled residents (See Sec.1 Definitions) of the Town, 18 years of age or older, who have the knowledge and experience to fulfill the responsibilities specified in the license, provided that the applicant has held and been documented by the Shellfish Department using a Wellfleet commercial shellfishing permit during a period of at least three (3) of the four (4) calendar years preceding the date of application for a license. **Applicant shall submit copies of state-filed catch reports.** OR, provided the applicant demonstrates experience in shellfish propagation and aquaculture, continuously, over at least three (3) years preceding the date of application, documented by the Shellfish Department. **This shall be supported by a letter from a license holder who employed the applicant describing the type of work performed and any other information which might be relevant. The applicant shall present a detailed five-year business plan for how s/he intends to use the grant, including shellfish species, amounts and sizes, and gear to be used, access routes and any other information relevant to proposed operations.** In addition, any applicant shall not show a pattern of violations of Wellfleet's Shellfishing Policy and Regulations within the last three (3) years.

A template for the five-year business plan is part of the application.

The Shellfish Dept. is available to answer any questions at 508-349-0325 or please stop by our offices at the pier.

7.2. Previously Established Grants that Become Available

In the event that a licensed aquaculture area previously certified by the DMF becomes available, its status shall be posted by the Shellfish Constable (see Section 3; Informing the Public of Meetings Concerning the Fishery) for a period of 30 calendar days. If more than one qualified person (as described in Section 1 under Domiciled Resident, and Section 7.8.1 Eligibility Requirements) whose name does not appear on another license applies to hold the license, the Selectboard shall hold a public lottery within 14 days to impartially determine who shall be granted the right to use such available acreage for aquaculture. No shareholder, officer, director or other individual holding a similar position having a different title but exercising a similar role, of a corporation that currently holds an aquaculture license in Wellfleet may apply for such grants.