



**Town Recreational Shellfishing Crier
January 22, 2024**

1. A Message from Wellfleet Oyster Alliance (formerly SPAT)

The Wellfleet Oyster Alliance (formerly SPAT) is hosting a workshop **TOMORROW, Monday, January 22, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Wellfleet Adult Community Center** about the future of the 'Fest. They have been reaching out directly to individuals and groups whom they see as key stakeholders, and they want to make sure that they don't miss out on folks they may not have reached. So, we're sharing this information here in case you would like to join them. The interactive gathering will be facilitated by Sky Freyss-Cole. They will be sharing some of the information from their end on what it takes to put on the 'Fest and what some of the outputs are. Then, they will move into workshop mode to generate ideas and share perspectives. They are looking for collaborators and problem solvers to share their local wisdom and insights. To make sure there is a seat and enough food for all who attend, they are asking folks to register here: <http://tinyurl.com/6w634wn6>. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to WOA at: vendors@wellfleetspat.org

2. Reminders

- a. Please send your daily catch reports to shellfish@wellfleet-ma.gov to help us better quantify the year-round value of this shellfishery.
- b. Cold Weather: When the temperature goes below 28°F, no shellfish harvesting is allowed. Keep your eye on the big pink buoy (the ball) to the right of our office door. Up = closed; down = open. This is the Harbormaster's Marina weather station we use to determine air temperature:
<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ma/wellfleet/KMAWELLF8>
Please note that when the Marina station goes down, Weather Underground defaults to the Provincetown Airport, which we do not use. Take a drive: The pink buoy at our office is always your guide!
- c. Get your 2024 recreational shellfishing permit [here](#). Once processed, it will be in an envelope with your name on it, filed in alphabetical order, in a box outside the Shellfish/Beach Dept. office at the Town Pier. We encourage you to pick it up ASAP so that the weather doesn't ruin it. There are many envelopes in it currently, but you must have your permit in your possession on the flats in order to harvest. If you prefer that we mail it to you, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Wellfleet Shellfish Dept., 300 Main St., Wellfleet, MA 02667.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 508-349-0325 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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