



**Town Shellfish Crier  
January 23, 2019**

**1. Shellfish Advisory Board meeting, Thurs., Jan. 24, 5 p.m.**

The Shellfish Advisory Board (SAB) will meet in the basement conference room at Town Hall this Thurs., Jan. 24, at 5 p.m. with two agenda items:

1. to review proposed state regulation changes and determine whether to submit a comment letter, and
2. to discuss the Mass. Shellfish Initiative and pick a date for the steering committee to meet with SAB.

Please attend and join the conversations.

**2. Massachusetts Shellfish Initiative (MSI)**

The first meeting of the MSI Task Force, sponsored by Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton, was held on January 2. At that meeting, further input was requested from an assessment committee. Nominations for the assessment committee were due on January 17, by members of the task force which includes the president of the Mass. Shellfish Officers Assn.--the professional organization of shellfish constables. Representatives from the MSI steering committee will be coming to meet with Wellfleet's Shellfish Advisory Board sometime in late February. The date will be determined at Thursday's SAB meeting. Learn more about [MSI here](#).

**3. Finance Committee reviews proposed Shellfish Budget tonight, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. at COA**

The Finance Committee will review the Shellfish Department's proposed FY20 budget at its meeting this evening. If you are interested in learning more about the department's upcoming goals, please attend.

**4. DMF Regulation Change Hearing Update**

The listed dates that the Division of Marine Fisheries sent out about next week's public hearings to take feedback on the agency's proposed shellfish regulation changes were incorrect. The meetings will be held at **6 p.m. on January 30, 2019 at Hotel 1620 in Plymouth**, and at 6 p.m. in DMF's Gloucester office on January 31, 2019. You may also email written comments to DMF Director Dr. David Pierce at [marine.fish@state.ma.us](mailto:marine.fish@state.ma.us) by Friday, Feb. 5, at 5 p.m. Wellfleet SAB will discuss the proposed regulation changes at its meeting tomorrow.

**5. REMINDER: Commercial Shellfish Permits on Sale through January 31<sup>st</sup> ONLY**

You can get them from Jeanne MacLauchlan on the second floor of Town Hall from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Application is [here](#). You will need proof of domicile, your 2019 seller's card, your license plate registration, as well as email address and cell phone number. This

information helps us communicate more effectively and keep people safe. We will not issue permits without complete applications. Thank you.

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) or 617-901-7193 with ideas for information to include in these communications. Thank you!

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