



**Town Shellfish Crier**  
**October 25, 2018**

**1. We Need You to Weigh in to Get our Harbor Dredged**

Leftover dredging funds are going to be made available for rural communities in about two weeks. It's a very competitive process, and Wellfleet needs to show it has widespread support from its shellfishing community. Click [here for a sample letter](#) that you can edit and send to the Army Corps of Engineers (with copies to our elected officials and the Office of Management and Budget) to stress how important it is to your livelihoods that Wellfleet Harbor gets dredged. The sample letter has a highlighted area for you to make the letter specific to you, as well as many bullets to choose from; you can include a few that make sense to you or feel free to write your own letter. Call us if you'd like help: 508-349-0325.

Remember: the squeaky wheel gets the grease! Let's flood the Army Corps with request letters so that Wellfleet will get the support funding that it needs to complete the dredging!

**2. Oyster Seed Donations**

If you have been following our [Facebook](#) page, you have seen how many farmers have been donating seed collected in Chipman's Cove and from their grants – and in some cases, bushels of legal-size oysters, as well! We have received more than 100,000 oysters to date. We are humbled by your generosity Bob La Pointe and Todd Mindebro, Curtis Graham, Dave Seitler, Eben Kenny/Ian Holmes/Justin Lynch, Ethan Estey, Field Point Oyster Farm, Holbrook Oyster, Jason and Elisabeth, Pat Winslow, Richard Blakely, Shea Murphy and William Barrio! Thank you so much! Your donations will help keep a vibrant oyster fishery going for commercial and recreational harvesters. Dave Seitler shared this: "Thanks for giving us an opportunity to propagate the harbor. I think people really wanted to be able to help in some way." We sincerely appreciate all of you.

**3. Vibrio Season Ends – Congrats in Order!**

We are happy to report that to date no sole source Vp cases associated with Wellfleet oysters have been reported in 2018. It will take until the end of the year for Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries to produce a final report on the 2018 vibrio season, but there is certainly reason to celebrate the hard work of Wellfleet's shellfishing industry. Thank you for your consistent efforts to bring the healthiest, safest, most delicious oysters to market!

**4. Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting**

Shellfish Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, in the basement hearing room in Town Hall. The agenda will cover bullraking for quahogs, review of shellfishing fees for hats in Chipman's Cove and commercial and recreational permits, potential for adding family description to recreational permit regs (i.e. children xx and under), and updates to 7.8.1 re: eligibility to be added to a grant license.

**5. Chipman's Cove Opens this Sunday, October 28!**

Low tide is at 8:48 a.m. and it is a 0.2. Brave the weather to celebrate the fruits of our propagation efforts together. You've been reading about them – now come harvest them!

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) or 617-901-7193 with any questions, comments or ideas for future Town Criers. Thank you!

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