



Town Shellfish Crier
11-22-21

1. Commercial Shellfishing Permits Go on Sale Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Commercial shellfishing permits for 2022 go on sale ONLINE and IN PERSON on December 1, 2021. Click [here](#) to purchase your sticker online or bring your application materials to Jeanne MacLauchlan at Town Hall Monday – Friday 8am – 3pm. In order to receive a commercial permit, you must provide a copy of your license with a Wellfleet address, a copy of your vehicle registration with a Wellfleet address, and your 2021/2022 state seller's card.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a 48-hour turn-around time, so please plan ahead. Once approved, permits will be put in the open slot in the back of the tax payment mailbox to the right of the back door to Town Hall. Permits are valid January 1 – December 31, 2022. If you buy your permit in January, please remember that there will be a waiting period for us to turn it around for you, and you will not be able to shellfish during the waiting period.

First-time permits holders and those who did not hold a permit in 2021 will need to be approved by the Constable. This could take up to, but no longer than, 30 days. As with the last couple years, we will be holding orientations for first-time permit holders.

Please call Jeanne MacLauchlan with any questions or for assistance regarding your permit: 508-349-0300 ext. 1101.

Any other questions, feel free to call the Shellfish Department: 508-349-0325.

2. Reminder: Dr. Roxanna Smolowitz Discusses Quahog Neoplasia NEXT Mon., Nov. 29 at 4 p.m., downstairs at Preservation Hall, in person

The Wellfleet Shellfish Department has invited Dr. Roxanna Smolowitz to share her research on quahog neoplasia with local shellfishermen.

Title: "What research and annual monitoring have taught us about hemocytic disease in hard clams."

Details: Disseminated Neoplasia is a name applied to contagious tumorous disease detected in soft shell clams in the U.S. and cockles in Europe. Approximately 12 years ago, a similar disease termed hemocytic neoplasia (HN) was detected in cultured hard clams in Mass. In Mass., the disease has caused significant disease and mortality. Trends and data from annual monitoring of cultured and wild clams from Wellfleet and other locations in Mass. (over the last 12 years) and findings from NRAC sponsored research will be presented.

For the health, safety, and well-being of patrons, staff and volunteers, Wellfleet Preservation Hall requires that all event attendees must be vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the event. Attendees will be

required to show some form of identification, such as a driver's license, in addition to their vaccination card or negative COVID-19 test results. Masks are required to be worn inside the Hall, regardless of vaccination status.

This talk will also be streamed and recorded via Zoom. You can join the Zoom meeting as follows:

<https://whoi-edu.zoom.us/j/92756871550>

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3. Shellfish Department Will Buy Oysters for Indian Neck Recreational Shellfishing Area

Shellfish farmers: We ask you to email chris.manulla@wellfleet-ma.gov to confirm your participation. The Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries will need to issue you a LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION, so please let Chris know **immediately** if you want to participate in this program. We need to send a final list to MADMF ASAP. *Dates and other instructions for the buyback are forthcoming.*

4. Duck Creek Opens Wednesday, December 1.

There is a small, closed area behind the old Mooney's building; look for the short candy-striped poles. The back of the marina near the slips is also a prohibited area, which goes from a candy-striped pole at the edge of Commercial Street by the condos to a pink "CLOSED" buoy to the left of the bandstand. Please take notice.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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