



**Town Shellfish Crier
November 23, 2020**

1. Last Call to Participate in Oyster Buy-Back for Town Propagation Program

We have heard from about 35-40 farmers to date, but please let us know immediately if you would like to participate in the Town's oyster buy-back program to help propagate the Indian Neck recreational-only shellfishing area. Leave us a message at 508-349-0325 or email Nancy at Nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov.

Here are brief program details:

- Due to the design of this grant program, only farmers with valid DMF 2020 propagation permits are eligible to participate.
- The department will pay \$0.45 for three-inch plus oysters.
- No seed or petite oysters will be purchased.

We will be giving the MADMF a list of participants and their emails so the agency can issue Letters of Authorization for you to sell your oysters to the Town as opposed to a licensed dealer. In order to get paid, you will also need to fill out a W-9 for the Town. Thank you!

2. Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Update

Just a reminder that the application process for CFAP 2 closes on December 11, 2020. If you have already applied and have not received support- check with:

Francine Kealey

Email: Francine.Kealey@usda.gov

Program Technician

FPAC-FSA, Wareham, MA

After you submit your online application, the FSA office will generate and send you additional documents that need to be completed. Be sure you reach out to Francine Kealey ASAP if you have not heard from her office.

3. Commercial Shellfishing Permits Go on Sale Next Tuesday, December 1 ONLINE

Due to the coronavirus, all shellfishing permits are being sold online this year. Click [here](#) to access starting next Tuesday. PLEASE NOTE: There will be a 48-hour turn-around time, so please plan ahead. Permits are valid January 1 – December 31, 2021. 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. 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. Please call the Shellfish Department with any questions or for assistance: 508-349-0325.

As last year, we will be implementing orientations for first-time permit holders. We will advise you personally about this to fix a time and a way to do this safely.

4. REMINDERS

a. **Duck Creek Opens Next Tuesday, 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.

b. **This is the weather station we use to determine air temperature:**

<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ma/wellfleet/KMAWELLF8>

When the temperature goes below 28 degrees F, no shellfish harvesting is allowed in the wild. Keep your eye on the big pink buoy (the ball) to the right of our office door. Up = closed; down = open.

Please note that when the Marina station goes down, Weather Underground defaults to the Provincetown Airport, which we do not use. If this happens, we ask the Harbormasters to reboot their station, so we get an accurate read for Wellfleet.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 508-349-0325 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you!

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