



**Town Shellfish Crier  
November 29, 2023**

**1. Duck Creek Opens Friday, December 1, 2023**

Duck Creek passed state water quality testing and will open as scheduled on December 1. Please take notice: 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 the northeast corner of the marina on the left of the bandstand.

**2. Commercial Shellfishing Permits Go on Sale Friday, December 1, 2023, at 9 a.m.**

The Shellfish Department will be open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to sell commercial permits in person until the end of December. If you would like to purchase your permit online, click [here](#). **All grant holders are required to purchase a commercial shellfishing permit. The deadline to purchase a commercial shellfishing permit is January 31, 2024. This is the deadline for all grant holders, too.**

In order to receive a commercial permit, you must either bring in person or take a photo to upload online: 1) your driver's license with a Wellfleet address, 2) your vehicle registration with a Wellfleet address, and 3) your 2023 state seller's card. If you did not get a 2023 state seller's card, we will not issue your Town commercial shellfishing permit per regulation [6.1.3. Commercial Permit Requirements](#). However, you may pay for your 2024 permit in advance but will not receive it nor be able to shellfish until you show your 2024 state seller's card to the Shellfish Constable.

First-time permits holders and those who did not hold a permit in 2023 will need to prove Wellfleet domicile for one year prior to their application date, and their application will need to be approved by the Shellfish Constable. This could take up to, but no longer than, 30 days. The Shellfish Department will be holding orientations for first-time permit holders in December and January.

**PLEASE NOTE: Commercial shellfishing permits are sold only through January 31, 2024.**

There will be a slower turn-around time than normal, so please plan ahead. Once approved, permits will be put in a plastic box in alphabetical order outside our office at the pier; the box will be placed inside our office at night. Permits are valid January 1 - December 31, 2024. If you buy your permit in January, please remember that there could be a waiting period for us to turn it around for you, and you will not be able to shellfish during the waiting period.

Please call the Shellfish Department with any questions or for assistance regarding your permit: 508-349-0325.

**3. 2023 Vibrio LogBooks**

In order to remain in compliant with the state's Vibrio Control Plan, please be sure to send your 2023 vibrio logbooks to the state by the end of the year. They will not issue your 2024 state commercial shellfishing permit until they receive it. The mailing address is at the bottom of the front cover of the logbook.

**4. State of Wellfleet Harbor Conference video from, Sat., Nov. 4, 2023, available**

Click [here](#) to see the presentations from the 2023 State of Wellfleet Harbor Conference.

Some presentations include:

Herring River restoration and Duck Harbor overwash updates

Oyster Recruitment and Sedimentation Monitoring in Wellfleet Harbor, *Katie Castagno, Center for Coastal Studies*

Horseshoe Crab Research and Advocacy in Wellfleet and Beyond

What we should know about mosquito and tick control on Cape Cod

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto: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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