



Town Shellfish Crier
December 19, 2022

1. Shellfish Advisory Board Hybrid Meeting, Mon., Dec. 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Adult Community Center, 715 Old King's Hwy and on Zoom

Agenda:

Review and approve meeting minutes – November 29, 2022

Commercial license for grant owners or other fee ideas – all

Definition of Egg Island areas for grants - all

Sub dividing deep water Indian Neck grants for lottery – all

Delete Section 7.22 Hydraulic harvesting from grants from regulations

Future topics: Beach Nourishment, Boats in harbor during winter months

Join the meeting hosted in Zoom by using link below. If you have technical difficulties joining a Zoom meeting, please call 774-392-1457. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94214261094?pwd=NW5FbVFCUTZZVzZaUldydjNMZ1lYz09>

o Meeting ID: 942 1426 1094 o Passcode: 136251 o Join by Phone: 929 205 6099

2. Wellfleet Selectboard Holding Hybrid Public Hearings on Shellfishing Items, Tues., Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at Adult Community Center, 715 Old King's Hwy and on Zoom

V. Public Hearings

A. Continuation of Public Hearing from December 6, 2022, to approve a grant extension to 2000-06 ~ Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta

B. Continuation of Public Hearing from December 6, 2022, to change Definitions, Annual Report with Town Counsel opinion ~ Shellfish Advisory Board and Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta

C. Approve the transfer of grant license # 85-D, 85D-A, and 85D-AB ~ Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta

D. Approval of transfer of grant license #2010-01 ~ Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta

E. Approve an increase in recreational shellfishing permit fees ~ Shellfish Advisory Board and Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta

F. Approve requirement for grant license holders to purchase a Wellfleet commercial shellfishing permit or other fee ~ Shellfish Advisory Board and Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta

G. Approval of fees to be charged for public hearings ~ Selectboard (*This will include shellfish-related public hearing fees of \$175.00 for advertising and filing fees.*)

H. Shellfish Grant Lottery for Egg Island grant numbers 95-15 and 95-16 ~ Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta

The Selectboard will also discuss the following items:

- Shellfish Advisory Board ~ Nick Sirucek to be moved from Alternate to acting member
- Port Profile ~ CCCFA/DMF (*A presentation about the importance and value of Wellfleet Harbor's port access and infrastructure to the Town's and Commonwealth's economies – and the Town's need to protect the shellfishing and fishing industries into the future.*)
- Capital Improvement Budgets (*The Shellfish Department's is included.*)

3. Shellfish Grant Overwintering Agreements Due January 15, 2023, or Before Ice

According to Wellfleet's Shellfishing Policy and Regulations, Section 7.19.5, grant holders may leave certain types of gear on their grants during the winter, but will need pump racks down and submit an overwintering agreement by Jan. 15, 2023, or before the ice comes, whichever comes first. Download a form [here](#) or pick one up at our offices at the pier.

7.19.5. Overwintering of Equipment on Grants

Racks, rebar or u hooks used to secure nets on a licensed area must either be securely fastened to within two-four inches (2-4") of the bottom or removed by January 15, or before ice prevents removal, whichever comes first, as specified in overwintering agreement. Any licensee who wishes to overwinter racks on their grant must obtain and sign an agreement form available from the Shellfish Department. All gear left on any grant must be tagged as per Section 7.19.3. In parts of the harbor where there may be a risk of silt covering overwintered racks on a licensed area, the Constable may waive the height requirement in 7.19.5 after a visit to the specific site and documenting the adjustment on the Agreement Form.

4. Commercial Shellfishing Permits Available Online and in Person at Town Hall until January 31, 2023.

Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator Rebekah Eldridge is issuing commercial permits IN PERSON in Town Hall, Second Floor. Permits are also available online and will be available to pick up inside the back door of Town Hall, which is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Click [here](#) to purchase your permit online.

In order to receive a commercial permit, you must present original (if in person) or upload a photo (if online) of your driver's license with a Wellfleet address, a photo of your vehicle registration with a Wellfleet address, and a photo of your 2022/2023 state seller's card.

If you do not have a 2022 state seller's card, you may buy your Town commercial shellfishing permit with Shellfish Constable approval, but you will not be able to pick it up or use it until you show your 2023 state seller's card to the Shellfish Constable.



Shellfish grant holders who wish to place spat collectors in Chipman's Cove need a Wellfleet commercial shellfishing permit to do so per regulation 7.15.3. [Use of Spat Collecting Devices.](#)

PLEASE NOTE: **Permits are sold only through January 31, 2023.** There will be a slower turn-around time than normal, so please plan ahead. Permits are valid January 1 - December 31, 2023. 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 2022 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 call the Shellfish Department with any questions or for assistance regarding your permit: 508-349-0325.

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