



**Town Shellfish Crier**  
**12-27-21**

**1. Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Tomorrow, December 28, 2021**

Agenda:

Review Meeting Minutes, November 18 and December 9.

New Member for Herring River Stack Holder Group (Z. Dixon replacement)

Review Select Board Letter (HDYLTA)

Shellfish Department:

Review and/or Vote

- To include a shellfish Boaters guide in the 2022 tax insert.
- Seasonal Permits
- Fee Increases
- Move - 5 Deep water Grants on Indian Neck

Boundary Discussion – Proposal due to select board February

Future topics

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom Video Conference, in accordance with the temporary suspension and enhancement of the Open Meeting Law requirements by Governor Baker.

Instructions for a Zoom video conference meeting, which also allows phone dial-in, are given below. If you have technical difficulties joining a Zoom meeting please call 774-392-1457

o Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94214261094?pwd=NW5FbVFCUTZZVzZaUldydjNMZ1lYZz09>

o Meeting ID: 942 1426 1094

o Passcode: 136251

o Join by Phone: : +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

**2. Overwintering Agreements are Due January 15, or Before the Ice**

If you are leaving any metal racks out on your grant, you need to submit an overwintering agreement to the Shellfish Department. You are allowed to leave racks not pumped down as long as you can document being able to get them off your grant in a specific number of tides or have them pumped down to between 2-4" from the bottom **before ice comes**. Once your agreement is turned in, the Shellfish Department will come inspect, so please make sure that your agreement matches what your farm looks like. You can download the agreement [here](#) or stop by our office at the pier to pick one up. Thank you.

**3. Annual Grant Reports and Fees by February 28, 2022**

Annual grant reports for 2021 are due on February 28, as are 2022 grant fees. You can download the form [here](#) or come pick one up from our offices at the pier.

Mass. General Law, Chapter 130, Section 64 states:



"Every such licensee or transferee shall pay to the city or town, on or before a date to be fixed by the aldermen, city council or selectmen, an annual fee of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars per acre, or part thereof. If any such fee is not paid within six months after it becomes due the license shall thereupon be forfeited."

Please place your reports and fees in an envelope to the attention of Jeanne MacLauchlan in the Tax Payment mailbox behind Town Hall. You can also make an appointment with Jeanne by calling 508-349-0300 ext. 1101.

#### **4. Inform the Dept. When Working on Grants at Night**

As we move into overwintering operations, please notify the Shellfish Department if you will be out on your grant in the dark. Per Shellfishing Policy and Regulations **7.21. Exception to Hours of Operation:**

"As required in Section 4.7, no license holder shall harvest, dig, pile, take or carry away any shellfish or shell during the period from one half (1/2) hour after sunset to one half (1/2) hour before sunrise by any method whatsoever. In the event of impending natural emergencies due to storms, ice or the like, and only after notifying the Shellfish Constable, a licensee may engage in securing stock and gear during this time period. Licensees must notify the Shellfish Constable in advance of their intention to empty seed trays and plant out seed at such times when the extreme tides needed to conduct such activities occur during this time period."

Please give us a call at (508) 349-0325 and leave us a message on our machine if no one is available.

#### **5. Commercial Permits on Sale until January 31, 2022**

Commercial shellfishing permits for 2022 are on sale online and in person NOW. 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. Town permits will be on sale through January 31, 2021 ONLY.

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.

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