



**Town Shellfish Crier
December 28, 2020**

1. Commercial Shellfishing Permits UPDATE

Due to the coronavirus, all shellfishing permits are being sold online this year. Click [here](#) to buy. Online sales are credit card only. PLEASE NOTE: There will be a two-business day turn-around time, so plan ahead. Jeannie Mac will be issuing permits **in person between 9 a.m. and noon on Wed., December 30** at our offices at the pier. Payments in person must be made with either a check or cash.

Town permits will be on sale through January 31, 2021 ONLY. Permits are valid January 1 – December 31, 2021. Starting January 1, 2021, you will need your Town commercial shellfishing permit in order to harvest shellfish.

Permit applicants that did not hold a commercial shellfishing permit in 2020 or are not listed on the 2020 census will still have at least a two-day turn-around time even if they apply in person, so that we can make sure they meet the domicile requirement. Applicants who did not hold a commercial shellfishing permit in 2020 will be required to attend an orientation, which will be arranged individually respecting COVID-19 protocols.

We checked in with Story Reed at Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries, who confirmed that all state commercial shellfishing permit renewals were sent out by Friday, December 18. He said that 2020 state commercial shellfishing permits would be good until January 31, 2021. On February 1, 2021, you will need to show a 2021 seller's card or state commercial shellfishing permit in order to harvest shellfish. In addition, the department will receive a list of 2021 shellfishing permit holders from the state on February 1, and we will follow up with you if your name is not on that list.

2. Wellfleet Shellfishermen's Farmers Market UPDATE

In order to accommodate New Year's Eve/Day shoppers, the next Shellfishermen's Farmers Market will take place this Wed., January 30, from noon to 2 p.m. at the bandstand at the pier. Starting Sat., January 9, the market will return to Saturdays between noon and 2 p.m. at the bandstand at the pier through May 1. If you are interested in participating, please let the Shellfish Department know by the Tuesday before the Saturday market. Then, contact Ginny Parker, president of the Wellfleet Shellfishermen's Association at info@wellfleetshellfishermen.org or 508-237-5385 so she can set up a profile page for your online orders, and Zack Dixon at Holbrook Oyster Company at zack@holbrookcoyster.com or 774-722-1788 to learn how your product needs to be bagged and tagged and other delivery protocols. These markets have been very successful, and we look forward to expanding to include other interested shellfishermen.

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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