



Town Shellfish Crier  
December 5, 2022

**1. Two Proposed Regulation Changes at Tomorrow Night's (Tues., Dec. 6) Selectboard Public Hearing at 7 p.m. at the Adult Community Center and on Zoom**

- Vote to add a public hearing to regulation section 7.22 Hydraulic Harvesting of Shellfish from Grant Areas as required by state law and town regulations because it relates to a grant. (See **bold** below.)  
"...The Shellfish Constable shall have the authority to direct an individual involved in the use of such equipment to cease and desist if the constable feels that there is a problem that necessitates such action. Any individual so ordered shall have the right to appeal the Constable's decision to the Selectboard, at their first scheduled public meeting after the service of such order, **once duly advertised as a public hearing.**"
- Vote to adopt the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries annual report and propagation permit application as the required Town annual report by adding the following **bolded** language/requirements.  
Definitions, Annual Report: **"The annual report submitted to the Town shall be comprised of the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries Private Shellfish Propagation/Aquaculture Annual Report and Propagation Permit Renewal."**  
Section 7.8.3 Renewal of Aquaculture Licenses: **"A business plan for the term of the lease renewal shall be provided with the renewal application."**
- Links to these documents prepared by the Shellfish Department can be found [here](#).
- Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://zoom.us/j/94214261094?pwd=NW5FbVFCUTZZVzZaUldyYjNMZ1lYZz09>  
o Meeting ID: 942 1426 1094 - Passcode: 136251 - Join by Phone: 929 205 6099

**2. Commercial Shellfishing Permits Available in Person in Town Hall Starting Today, Monday, Dec. 5, 2022**

Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator Rebekah Eldridge is now able to issue commercial permits IN PERSON in Town Hall, Second Floor, second door on the left.

Permits purchased online 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 be able to 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 card to the Shellfish Constable per regulation 6.1.3. Commercial Permit Requirements: *"...Permits will only be issued after the applicant has shown proof of having a valid State commercial permit with a shellfish endorsement and a valid shellfish transaction card from the DMF. CMR 322 7.01 (2) g, i, k"*

**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: *"The use of spat collecting devices such as Chinese hats to catch oyster larvae in areas not licensed for aquaculture, may only be done by commercial permit holders who also hold a seed permit (Section 1, Definitions)..."***

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.

**3. Grant Lottery Applications Are Due This Wednesday by 8 a.m. at the Shellfish Department Office at the Pier or Via Email to [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov)**

The Wellfleet Selectboard Will Hold a Lottery for Two Shellfish Grants on Egg Island: #95-15 and #95-16, on December 20, 2022, at 7 p.m., Hybrid Meeting: Wellfleet Adult Community Center and via Zoom

**Applications and the required supporting documentation must be delivered to Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta directly or emailed to [Nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:Nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) by the deadline of Wednesday, December 7, at 8 a.m. No exceptions.**

The Shellfish Department has applications printed out and available at our office at the pier. Applications are available to download from the Town of Wellfleet website on the Shellfish Dept. webpage. Click [here](#) for 95-15. Click [here](#) for 95-16.

The lottery for grant #95-15 will take place first. If the winner also applied for #95-16, his/her name will be removed from the lottery for #95-16, which will be conducted second.



Wellfleet Selectboard Grant Lottery, Dec. 20, 2022, 7 p.m.

In person: Adult Community Center, 715 Old King's Highway

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85689604806?pwd=blplVFFBZzViQ0xNWkZKMm9iMVdrdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 8960 4806 ~ Passcode: 611877 ~Dial by your location; +1 929 205 6099

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