**Town Shellfish Crier**

**February 1, 2021**

1. **Shellfish Advisory Board meeting, Wed., Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m.**

Due to community interest, we are going to allow the first nine people to respond to this announcement to attend this meeting in the Shellfish Department offices at the pier in person. Per Gov. Baker’s orders, indoor meetings are limited to 10 people. Nancy Civetta will log into the Zoom Shellfish Advisory Board meeting at our offices, and the first nine people to respond can join her there with masks on. We will stand six feet apart. We hope to better engage the shellfishing community in SAB meetings in this way moving forward. Other ideas are welcome.

**Agenda**

-Massachusetts Shellfish Initiative update - Mike DeVasto

-Minutes of last meeting

-Open Space discussion - John Riehl

-Shellfish Department update - Nancy Civetta

 Chipman’s Cove changes due to mooring

 Farmers market guests - vendors from other town discussion

 Update on permit increase

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.

Shellfish Advisory - Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 942 1426 1094

Passcode: 136251

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

1. **State Commercial Shellfishing Permits: 2020 permits valid until 2.28.2021, but get yours soon**

A reminder that the state has extended the use of 2020 commercial shellfishing permits until Feb. 28, 2021. However, after that point you will need your 2021 state permit and seller’s card. If you did not hold a state commercial shellfishing permit in 2020 and you bought a 2021 Town of Wellfleet commercial shellfishing permit, you may not use it until you show your 2021 state permit and seller’s card to Jeanne Mac in Town Hall or Nancy at the Shellfish Dept. First year permit holders will also need to attend a Shellfish Department orientation. Please call the office at 508-349-0325 to schedule yours so that you will be able to harvest as soon as your seller’s card arrives. Stop by our offices if you need the state application or download it [here](https://www.mass.gov/doc/application-for-commercial-saltwater-fishing-permits/download) and the required [affidavit](https://www.mass.gov/doc/shellfish-harvesting-handling-and-transporting-affidavit-0/download) here.

1. **2020 Annual Grant Reports Due February 28 with 2021 Grant Fees**

The Town is no longer mailing annual grant report forms nor invoices for grant fees. You can download a grant report form [here](https://www.wellfleet-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif5166/f/pages/grant_report_form_2020.pdf). Fee information is on page three. Each licensee must pay for the entirety of the grant in his/her lease. Please submit separate reports for grants that are not farmed as one, e.g. you need one report for a grant on Egg Island and another for a grant on Field Point. Thank you.

1. **Keep Your Eyes on Our Weather Station for Temps and Rain**

We close the harvesting of shellfish when temperatures go below 28 degrees Fahrenheit. The state closes shellfishing when we get more than four inches of rain in 24 hours or if we get an exceptional amount of rain in a short period of time. Here’s the link to our station:

<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ma/wellfleet/KMAWELLF8>

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you!

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