

Town Shellfish Crier February 18, 2022

1. Selectboard to Hold Public Hearings re: Shellfish Grant and Regulation Changes

On **February 22, 2022, at 6 p.m.,** the Selectboard will hold public hearings on the following grants:

1) Application dated 12/27/2021 for the transfer of shellfish grant license #85-I-A consisting of two acres on Indian Neck from Randy Williams and Charter Williams to Randy Williams, Charter Williams and Nemanja Krsmanovic.

2) Application dated 1/10/2022 for the transfer of shellfish grant license # 14-1 consisting of 1.75 acres in Loagy Bay from Jason Weisman, Berta Bruinooge and Elisabeth Salen to Jason Weisman and Elisabeth Salen.

3) Application received 1/10/2022 for the renewal of shellfish grant license # 14-1 consisting of 1.75 acres in Loagy Bay for ten years from Jason Weisman and Elisabeth Salen.

4) Application dated 1/26/2022 for a grant extension (to be numbered #852-C) to shellfish grant license #852-B consisting of approximately two-thirds of an acre on Field Point from Brad Morse.

On **March 8, 2022, at 6 p.m.**, the Selectboard will hold public hearings on the following regulation changes and ARC's grant:

1) Addition to Section 7.15.3. <u>Use of Spat Collecting Devices</u> in the Town of Wellfleet's Shellfishing Policy and Regulations to add a tagging requirement. Shellfish Advisory Board voted to recommend this addition 4-0 at its November 18, 2021 meeting.

2) Additions to Section 7.23 <u>Extension of Acreage Without Permission</u> in the Town of Wellfleet's Shellfishing Policy and Regulations to include resolution of boundary disputes. Shellfish Advisory Board voted to recommend this addition 4-0 at its February 9, 2022 meeting.

3) Status of License Holder Aquacultural Research Corporation (A.R.C.) of Shellfish Grant License #792 continued from Jan 25, 2022 & Feb 22, 2022, with regards to Sections 7.8.1. Eligibility Requirements, 7.8.2. Domicile Requirement and Exception, 7.8.8. Aquaculture Research and Development Projects, 7.12. Evidence of Productivity: Use It or Lose It, 7.13. Annual Report, 7.8.7 Grants Established Before Aug 1, 1993.

2. The Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries Will Hold a Shellfish Advisory Panel Meeting on March 1, 2022, at 9 a.m. – Zoom link forthcoming SHELLFISH ADVISORY PANEL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA 1. Opening Statement from DMF Director (9:00 – 9:15)

2. DMF Update including personnel changes (9:15 – 9:30)

3. Update on Virtual Shellfish Constable Training Course (9:30 – 10:30)

4. Proposed survey of municipalities regarding transfer of aquaculture licenses (10:30 – 11:00)

5. DMF policy clarifying value added processed non-conforming quahogs in commerce (11:00 - 11:30)

6. Other business and panel member comments (11:30 – 12:00) All times provided are approximate and the meeting agenda is subject to change. The Shellfish Advisory Panel may amend the agenda at the start of the business meeting. When the Shellfish Department receives the Zoom link, we will send it out.

3. Grant Gear and Employee Reminders:

- While your gear is out of the water, please check it and make sure it is all tagged, i.e. bags, racks, condos, trays, etc. In addition to being required by the regulations, this will help the department conduct and finish our grant inspections in just one visit this spring and summer, instead of having to come back to re-inspect multiple times.
- If you buy gear from someone else, please make sure to take their tags off and put your tags on.
- Remember to fill out your employee paperwork and give it to the Shellfish Department. Whomever is on your state propagation permit as an employee who is allowed to move and sell shellfish, should also be on your town paperwork. You can download the form <u>here</u> or pick one up at our offices. Please return it to the Shellfish Department (not Town Hall).

4. Annual Grant Reports and Fees Due by February 28, 2022

Annual grant reports for 2021 are due on February 28, as are 2022 grant fees. You can download the form <u>here</u> or come pick one up from our offices at the pier. From the Town's Shellfishing Policy and Regulations Section 7.3 Annual License Fee:

Annual fees are due each year by February 28, when annual grant reports are due.

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

"If any such fee is not paid within six months after it becomes due the license shall thereupon be forfeited."

Please place your annual 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 to drop it off at Town Hall by calling 508-349-0300 ext. 1100.

Contact Nancy at <u>nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov</u> or 617-901-7193 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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