



**Town Shellfish Crier**  
**February 8, 2018**

**1. Growers Meeting Recap**

Sixty grant holders attended Tuesday's overwintering agreement meeting. Some growers who were unable to make the meeting called or stopped by our offices to learn more. (There were only 18 leaseholders who were "no call, no show.") The [early arrival of ice](#) and its repercussions were discussed. Consensus about next steps was reached by voting. The industry spoke, and here are the decisions that will be enforced: (1) All rigid and metal gear should be tagged, to include racks, condos and oyster grow bags. (2) All should be tagged by May 1 for spring grant inspections. (3) Individual work plans will be made when necessary.

The Shellfish Dept. is issuing written warnings to all those who were late with their [overwintering agreements](#) and to those who are currently noncompliant, and these will be placed in their files. If next season's agreements are turned in before the ice or the deadline date (whichever comes first), these warnings will be destroyed. The Shellfish Advisory Board will be reviewing the language and dates in the overwintering agreement at its next meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, March 12, in the Town Hall basement conference room.

Anyone placing product out on grants from pits using gear described above should turn in an overwintering agreement immediately. Here is a source for tie wraps: [www.tiewraps.com](http://www.tiewraps.com). Email the department with other sources; we'll spread the word.

**2. Shellfishing Community Event**

The Wellfleet Shellfish Department is bringing [a two-part workshop](#) to the shellfishing community on **Monday, March 5, from 3-6 p.m. at Preservation Hall** (upstairs). First, a [presentation from Friends of Herring River](#) on monitoring and adaptive management measures planned or underway by the Herring River Restoration Project. After a refreshment break, we'll hold a workshop to continue drafting the goals of the [Shellfishing Chapter of the "Local Comprehensive Plan,"](#) a guiding document for the Town's priorities. Many of you attended the Future of Shellfishing meeting last February, and this is the next phase of dialogue and revisions. Participate and make your voices heard! RSVP to [brian.carlson@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:brian.carlson@wellfleet-ma.gov) or leave a message at 508-349-0325.

**3. Beach Clean Up**

On **Tuesday, Feb. 20**, the Shellfish Advisory Board and Wellfleet Shellfish Department will hold an early beach clean up due to the ice that left gear strewn around the harbor. **Meet at Shellfish Dept. offices at 7 a.m.** Waders and trucks with transfer station permits are necessary. We will not be getting a dumpster. Help from all growers is greatly appreciated. We'll work together to get our shared coastal areas clean of gear!

**4. BUDGET UPDATE**

Thanks to Ed & Sue Tesson, Fred Richard, Cole Morton and Jim O'Connell for attending the Jan. 24 Finance Committee meeting. Your support in the room made an impact! FinCom and the Selectboard will vote to recommend (or not) the WSD budget at their Feb. meetings.

Thank you!

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