



**Town Shellfish Crier**  
**March 12, 2021**

**1. Herring River Opens on Monday, March 15**

The Herring River (CCB12) passed state water quality testing, and the Selectboard voted to open the area as of a half hour before sunrise on Monday, March 15, 2021. The area will close a half hour after sunset on Tuesday, August 31. Please look for the candy-striped poles that delineate the prohibited area and stay east of that line while harvesting shellfish. Please do not use the Chequessett Yacht & Country Club beach access; use Powers Landing. On March 1, you needed your 2021 state commercial shellfishing permit to harvest shellfish, so if you have not yet received yours, please check this [website](#) to see if it has been issued or contact Story Reed at Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries to check on it: (617) 626-1524.

**2. 2020 Grant Reports and 2021 Grant Fees Were Due February 28, 2021**

One-third of grant holders have not yet submitted 2020 grant reports or paid 2021 grant fees. As we have mentioned in previous "Criers," the Town is no longer mailing grant report forms to you. You can pick a form up at the Shellfish Dept. offices or download it [here](#) to print out. You can leave your completed forms and checks made out to the Town of Wellfleet in envelopes marked ATTN: Jeanne Mac in the tax payment mailbox behind Town Hall or drop them with the Shellfish Dept. Call us at 508-349-0325 or on one of our cells to pick up a form or drop off your reports and fees ASAP.

**3. Shellfish Advisory Board meeting on Wed., March 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

If you would like to join the Zoom meeting in our offices, please let us know. We will wear masks and social distance, and you will be able to participate. Here is agenda:

- Minutes of February Meeting
- Wellfleet Harbor Studies - Owen Nichols
- NRAB (Curley Report) - John Duane
- Shellfish Department update - Nancy Civetta
  - A. Monthly Report
  - B. Propagation Update (with Johnny Clam)
  - C. Votes on Shellfish Revolving Fund Limit FY22 & CIP truck proposal & Seasonal Recreational Shellfishing Permit Sales
  - D. Rights of Public Access - Shellfish Landings
- Discussion of possible exemption of domicile requirements - SAB team

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. 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)

#### **4. Hibernating Terrapins**

While monitoring cultching success in Chipman's Cove with the goal of creating a small management closure and obtaining propagation funds for the area, we discovered some partially uncovered diamondback terrapins. Bob Prescott and Barbara Brennessel are very excited as they have never had the opportunity to study terrapin hibernation and are likely to extoll the virtues of our cultch program to other natural resource managers, e.g. Cape Cod National Seashore. They asked us to let you know that if you find a terrapin buried in the mud you can leave it alone, but if you find one uncovered on top of the flats (or even dead), to please call the hotline at 508-349-2615 ext. 6104 or Barbara: 508-479-6553 or Bob: 508-246-1706. They are not fast enough to get away from predators, so your call could save it. Thanks for your help!

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto: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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