



Town Shellfish Crier

March 26, 2019

1. **Selectboard May Discuss Petitioning Mass. DMF to Extend Bay Scallop Season**

At tonight's Selectboard meeting, the Shellfish Constable will ask the board to hear a request from fishermen to extend the bay scallop season for two weeks, through and including Sunday, April 14. The board would need to send a formal petition to the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries requesting the extension. We hope they will be able to take it up under the Correspondence agenda item at the end of the meeting, as the Shellfish Constable emailed them about this after the agenda deadline. If you care about this extension, please attend tonight's meeting, which starts at 6. If the Selectboard agrees to take this up, it will likely happen closer to 8 p.m. Text Nancy at 617-901-7193 for an update.

2. **A Huge Congrats to Johnny Clam and Chris: Deputy Constables of the Year!**

Johnny Clam Mankevetch and Chris Manulla were awarded Deputy Constables of the Year from the Mass. Shellfish Officers Assn. last Thursday! Please congratulate them when you see them for their hard work and dedication to our town's shellfishing community. Many thanks to all of you who wrote letters of support; more than 50 were written and given to back to them. Your words touched them perhaps more than the award itself. Their certificates will be presented to them at an upcoming Selectboard meeting; stay tuned.

3. **Shellfish Department Letter to Selectboard re: HDYLTA Trust**

The Shellfish Department put together a memo supporting the potential purchase by the town of the intertidal and subtidal bottom on Indian Neck and Field Point from How Do You Like Them Apples (HDYLTA) Trust. We are continuing to do research and will inform the Selectboard of our findings, especially regarding how many shellfishermen and their families could be impacted by this decision. Read the memo [here](#).

4. **Grant Marking Reminders**

The ice wreaked havoc in many ways. By April 1, please make sure that your buoys are in the correct GPS locations and that each buoy is clearly marked in black ink with your grant numbers. It is OK to share boundaries, but all grant numbers should then be marked on the buoy. This is part of Mass. General Law, in addition to being part of Wellfleet's regulations. Also, please make sure to mark all of your gear. Everyone agreed last winter that this was of utmost importance, and we learned that readily this winter. Thank you for your diligence!

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 with ideas for information to include in these communications. Thank you!

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