



Town Shellfish Crier
March 8, 2023

1. Herring River Opening Early at SUNRISE on March 10, 2023

The Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries has identified an unfortunate trend in deteriorating water quality during the late season in the Herring River. DMF staff have suggested that we may want to open the Herring River early in an effort to mitigate the possibility of an early closure during the summer. We wholeheartedly agreed, and while this is an imperfect solution, we were able to secure early testing for the area, which passed water quality standards. We will open the area at **sunrise** on Friday, March 10, 2023.

2. GRANT HOLDERS LAST REMINDER: 2023 Grant Fees, 2022 Annual Reports, and Purchase of -a 2023 Commercial Shellfishing Permit Were Due on February 28, 2023.

2022 annual grant reports and 2023 grant fees were due on February 28, 2023. In addition, on Dec. 20, 2022, the Selectboard voted to make a regulation change that all grant license holders must purchase a Town of Wellfleet commercial shellfishing permit (and state commercial shellfishing permit) by February 28, 2023. These deadlines have now past.

Per the Town of Wellfleet Shellfishing Policy and Regulations, Section 11.5. Penalty Fees:
The penalties for violation of any of these regulations shall be assigned by the Shellfish Department and shall consist of a fine of \$50 for the first offense, a fine of \$150 for the second offense, and a fine of \$300 for the third offense. In the event of a fourth offense within a period of 5 years, there will be an automatic permit suspension.

In addition, per Mass. General Law, Chapter 130, Section 64: Annual fee for license:
Every such licensee or transferee shall pay to the city or town, on or before a date to be fixed by the aldermen, city council or selectmen, an annual fee of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars per acre, or part thereof. *If any such fee is not paid within six months after it becomes due the license shall thereupon be forfeited.*

If you have not yet done the above, please contact Nancy Civetta to make arrangements to take care of these immediately. Please do NOT go to Town Hall. There is no Principal Clerk. Nancy's cell is 671-901-7193.

3. Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting, Thursday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Adult Community Center, 715 Old King's Highway and on Zoom

Agenda:

Announcements, Open Session & Public Comments
Review and approve meeting minutes – February 13, 2023
Egg Island – Rewrite regulations
Future topics

Join the meeting hosted in Zoom by using link below. 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:

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4. Selectboard Public Hearings for Shellfish Grants, Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m. at the Adult Community Center, 715 Old King's Highway and on Zoom

In accordance with MGL Chapter 130 Sections 52, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, and 68 and all applicable Town Shellfish Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Wellfleet Selectboard will hold a hybrid public hearing in person and on Zoom on March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

- 1) Application received 1/18/2023 for the transfer of shellfish grant license # 85-F consisting of one acre on Indian Neck from Richard Blakeley (Wellfleet, MA) to Richard Blakeley and Eben Kenny (Wellfleet, MA).
- 2) Application received 1/18/2023 for the transfer of shellfish grant license #s 855, 855-B and 855-C totaling approximately 3.6 acres on Field Point from Michael DeVasto (Wellfleet, MA) and Michael Ramsdell (Wellfleet, MA) to Northern Collective, Inc. (Wellfleet, MA).
- 3) Application received 1/27/2023 for a grant extension (to be numbered #734A ext.) to shellfish grant license #734A consisting of approximately one acre on Mayo Beach from Rebecca Taylor (Wellfleet) and Myron Taylor (Wellfleet, MA).
- 4) CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 31, 2023 ~ Application received 1/10/2023 for a grant extension (to be numbered #99-1 Ext) to shellfish grant license #99-1 consisting of approximately .43 acres on Mayo Beach from Angela Osowski (Wellfleet, MA), Robert Mallory (Wellfleet, MA) and Mary Mallory (Wellfleet, MA).

Recommendation of the Shellfish Constable will be available in the March 21, 2023, Selectboard's packet.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85689604806?pwd=blplVFFBZzViQ0xNWkZKMm9iMVdrdz09>

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Thank you!

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