



Town Shellfish Crier
April 28, 2023

1. Chipman's Cove and Duck Creek Close this Sunday, April 30

As it does each year, on Sunday, April 30, 2023, Chipman's Cove and Duck Creek will close for the season to the harvest of shellfish. On Monday, May 1, the Shellfish Department will begin the contaminated quahog relay to the Cove.

2. Shellfish Department Foregoes Oyster Tumbler for FY24

The Shellfish Department took another look at our current resources and workload and decided to pull the request for an oyster tumbler from FY24's Capital Improvement Project.

3. Selectboard to Hold a Public Hearing on the Planned Use of Shellfishing Areas as Mitigation for Dredging the Chipman's Cove Mooring Basin, Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. In Person at Wellfleet Adult Community Center and Online via Zoom

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. both virtually and at the Wellfleet Community Center to consider the following:

Dredging Task Force members will provide information and answer questions about the town's proposed mitigation plan required by the Army Corps of Engineers to secure the permit to dredge the harbor mooring field, thus allowing dredging of the first half of the mooring field to begin. See pages [89-167 of the Selectboard packet](#) for related documents.

In person: 715 Old King's Highway (Adult Community Center)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85689604806?pwd=blpIVFBZzViQ0xNWkZKMm9iMVdrdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 8960 4806 ~ Passcode: 611877 ~ Phone: 1 929 205 6099

4. Shellfish Department to Present Egg Island Regulations and Proposed Grant Extension Areas to Marina Advisory Committee on Wed., May 3, at 7 p.m. on Zoom only

See agenda [here](#). Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95258869072?pwd=dzBMK2JZcExGYU9KZU9LSHRBVjlsdz09>

Meeting ID: 952 5886 9072 ~ Passcode: 394287 ~ Phone: +1 929 205 6099

5. REMINDER: Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries (MADMF) Will Hold a Meeting and Training for Harvesters Regarding the 2023 Vibrio Parahaemolyticus Control Plan for Oysters on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 10 a.m., at the Eastham Town Hall, Earle Mountain Room, as well as a Virtual Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 5 p.m. via Zoom

The 2023 Massachusetts Vibrio parahaemolyticus (V.p.) Control Season and implementation of requisite control measures take effect on Friday, May 19, 2023, and remain in effect through October 19, 2023. First time commercial shellfishing permit holders take note: You will need to attend the in-person or the virtual meeting if you intend to harvest oysters

during this time period. V.p. Control Plan resources can be found on [DMF's website](#). MADMF will provide V.p. Logbooks to local Shellfish Constables to be distributed to both oyster growers and commercial wild harvesters at no cost. [Click here to register](#) for the Zoom meeting on May 4, at 5 p.m.

6. Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries Has Proposed New Regulations in the Horseshoe Crab Fishery

You can view the proposed changes [here](#). The deadline for public comments is Monday, May 1, at 5 p.m. They can be submitted here: marine.fish@mass.gov.

7. The 2023 Winning Beach Stickers All Feature the Wellfleet Shellfishing Community ~ Come See the Art Show at the Wellfleet Adult Community Center during the month of May

This year's winning beach sticker artists, Nora Clark-Jennings, Amy Herold, Nicole Mordecai and Josh Yeston, are having a Group Exhibition in the Great Pond Gallery at the Adult Community Center (ACC) during the month of May. The three photographs and one drawing chosen all captured shellfishing in action. Don't miss it! The ACC is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 715 Old King's Highway, 508-349-5058.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 508-349-0325 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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