



Town Shellfish Crier
April 5, 2021

1. Shellfish Advisory Board meeting, Thursday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m.

The Shellfish Department will host those who want to attend in our offices with masks and social distancing. Please let us know if you will be attending. You can see documents related to the agenda by clicking [here](#). Agenda:

- 1.) Minutes of March Meeting
- 2.) Co-sponsoring of April 17 Beach Clean Up – vote
- 3.) Review and vote on adding 7.6.1 Application Procedure to the Town of Wellfleet's Shellfishing Policy and Regulations – Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta
- 4.) Domicile Hardship Discussion - All (possible vote)

If you are experiencing (or have experienced) difficulty finding housing in Wellfleet – or you think it could be a situation you might be confronted with in the future, please plan on attending and sharing your thoughts during this discussion about a proposed short-term domicile exception regulation. Please come to the Shellfish Office if you can't Zoom.

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=NW5FbVFCUTZZVzZaUldydjNMZ1lYz09>
- Meeting ID: 942 1426 1094; Passcode: 136251
- Join by Phone: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

2. Beach Clean Up on Saturday, April 17 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., meet at Mayo Beach

Let's honor Earth Day together! The Shellfish Advisory Board will co-sponsor its annual Beach Clean Up with the Town's Recycling Committee, the Friends of the Herring River, the Lieutenant Island Homeowner's Association, Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and others. We are looking for shellfishermen to go to the West Side and Jeremy's Point where we have reports of derelict racks. Thanks to all who can find time to lend a hand!

3. COVID-19 Vaccines Available to Shellfishing Industry as of March 22

On March 22, following the Governor's directive, certain workers, including restaurant and cafe workers; food, meatpacking, beverage, agriculture, consumer goods, retail, or food service workers; grocery and convenience store workers, and food pantry workers or volunteers, are eligible to sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine in Massachusetts. **This includes fishermen, seafood processors, and aquaculturists.**

The Cape Cod Regional Vaccine Consortium is working to identify eligible individuals who now qualify for the COVID-19 vaccine. Please fill out [this form](#) if you fall under one of the

eligible categories, need a first dose appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine, and either work or live on Cape Cod. All eligible individuals, including seasonal workers who have not started working yet, are encouraged to respond.

Eligible individuals who complete the form will be contacted by Cape Cod Healthcare by phone to schedule an appointment on Cape Cod for a COVID-19 vaccination in the next two weeks. By filling out the form, you are not scheduling an appointment, however, you will be contacted by Cape Cod Healthcare by phone shortly thereafter to schedule an appointment. Please use the following link to fill out the form: <http://bit.ly/ccfoodworkersurvey>

4. COVID Relief Funds Available

- a) The Fishing Partnership has received funds from the Cape Cod Foundation to help fishing families with direct financial assistance. These funds are available until June 30, 2021 or until they are exhausted. If any Barnstable County residents need help, Fishing Partnership Navigators are able to work with you to assist with paying household expenses including utilities, childcare, medical bills, food, transportation, rent and mortgage payments. Additionally, they have gas and grocery cards in varying denominations depending on the size of the family. You can reach out to them at 508-237-9402 (office) or 774-722-0947 (Julia Messersmith cell) and they will quickly get fishing families the help they need. Click [here](#) to find more services.
- b) The Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance has received funds from a philanthropic donor in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a commercial shellfisherman on Cape Cod, you may be eligible for a COVID-19 fuel reimbursement check.
 - a. What: a \$50 check to help subsidize fishing fuel costs – no strings attached.
 - b. How: Fill out this [online form](#) to request your check. You must self-certify that your shellfish business suffered due to COVID-19 and that that you attempted to shellfish in 2020 (no proof or documentation needed, we'll take your word).
 - c. You must be at least 18 and rely on shellfish for at least half of your annual income (in a normal year).
 - d. If you have questions or would like to request a check over the phone instead of online, please call Steph at 508-737-1052.

Important: There is \$7,500 available for these reimbursement checks, which will be given out on a first come, first served basis until the funds run out. If you have more than one shellfisherman in your household, you may make a request for each shellfisherman, BUT the extra requests may not be honored unless there are funds still available after we process all requests. Deadline to make requests: April 15, 2021. Click [here](#) to find more services.

Contact Nancy at 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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