



**Town Shellfish Crier  
May 11, 2020**

**1. Marina Opens this Friday, May 15; Grant Inspections to Begin in June**

The Wellfleet Marina opens this Friday, May 15, and we would ask you to please make sure you have buoys out marking your grants. 20-inch buoys with two-inch high grant numbers written on them are required April 1, per our regulations [7.19.1. Grants Shall Be Marked](#).

We hope the marine debris dumpsters that we made available in front of our office at the pier during the big, negative tides in April and May were helpful for your spring grant operations. Now that things are up and running, we will begin grant inspections in June. This year, we will be bringing a GPS for buoy locations, in addition to the usual checks for gear height, tags and derelict gear.

**2. Vibrio Control Season Begins Next Tuesday, May 19 through October 19, 2020**

Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries has announced that the vibrio control season will run from May 19 to Oct. 19, 2020, and that there are no changes to the vibrio control plan. You can review this year's vibrio control plan [here](#). Short video clips on tagging, icing, vibrio logbooks, etc. can be found [here](#). The state tells us that 2020 vibrio logbooks are on their way. We will have them in our trucks, and we will leave them in a box outside our office doors on days with no rain. For those who like to geek out on vibrio forecasting, visit [here](#).

**First time commercial shellfish permitholders:** MADMF will not be holding its in-person vibrio control plan training due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Attendance had been required as part of your orientation, so the Shellfish Dept. will be contacting you to arrange another type of training. Any commercial shellfish harvester not documented by the Shellfish Dept. as having harvested oysters last summer will also be contacted about vibrio training.

**3. Deadline to Apply for Shellfish Grant Licenses #861 & #861-A Is Next Mon., May 18, 8 a.m.**

The deadline to apply for the two available Field Point grants listed above, which are being offered as one parcel, is Monday, May 18, at 8 a.m. All details are [here](#). Full announcement and map is [here](#). Applications may be downloaded [here](#). The Shellfish Department also has applications printed out in an envelope hung to the right of the office door at the pier.

**All applicants, please note:** Per regulation [7.8.1. Eligibility Requirements](#): people applying based on experience in the wild fishery must submit copies of state-filed catch reports, while people applying based on experience working on shellfish farms must submit a letter from a grant holder describing the type of work performed and any other information which might be relevant. All applicants must also submit a five-year business plan; a template is included in the application.

The Selectboard will hold a public lottery at its meeting on Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. to impartially determine who shall be awarded this grant.

**Whoever is awarded this grant will be required to clean up and remove all old aquaculture gear on a deadline and before his/her farm activities begin. Eligible applicants will receive a call from the Shellfish Constable the week of May 18 to explain in more detail. Photos will be provided.**

Applications and the required supporting documentation must be emailed to Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta [Nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:Nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) or turned in to her directly by **Monday, May 18, at 8 a.m.** No exceptions will be made.

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) or 617-901-7193 for any ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help you, especially during this pandemic. Thank you!

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