



Town Shellfish Crier
May 22, 2023

1. Selectboard to Hold Shellfish Public Hearings and a Dredging Task Force Update on Mitigation Plan, Tomorrow, Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at ACC and on Zoom

The Wellfleet Selectboard will hold a hybrid public hearing on May 23, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. to consider the following:

- Application received on 4/14/2023 from Margaret Conor (Wellfleet, MA) and Jeffrey Pickard (Wellfleet, MA) for the renewal of shellfish grant license #s 95-9/10 consisting of approximately two acres on Egg Island for ten years, one month and 29 days beginning March 1, 2023, and expiring April 30, 2033.
- Application received on 4/14/2023 from Paul Conor (Wellfleet, MA) and Alfred Pickard (Wellfleet, MA) for the renewal of shellfish grant license #s 95-5/6 consisting of approximately two acres on Egg Island for ten years, one month and 29 days beginning March 1, 2023, and expiring April 30, 2033.
- Application received on 4/14/2023 from Matt Parent (Wellfleet, MA) for the renewal of shellfish grant license # 04-03 consisting of approximately one acre on Egg Island for 10 years and 3 days beginning April 27, 2023, and expiring April 30, 2033.
- Application received on 4/14/2023 from Matt Parent (Wellfleet, MA) for the renewal of shellfish grant license # 733 consisting of 0.94 acres on Old Wharf Point for 10 years and 12 days beginning April 18, 2023, and expiring April 30, 2033.

In addition, the following continued public hearings will also be re-considered:

- CONTINUED FROM 4/4/2023 ~ Change to Section 7.4. Location of Areas Licensed for Aquaculture (Grants) in the Town of Wellfleet Shellfishing Policy and Regulations to reference new grants and redefine the Egg Island area where grants may be located. Also, to add a map outlining the Egg Island area as Appendix E to the regulations.
- CONTINUED FROM 1/31/2023 ~ Application received 1/3/2023 for a grant extension (to be numbered #2000-2 ext.) to shellfish grant license #2000-2 consisting of approximately 1.08 acres on Egg Island from Stephen Pickard (Wellfleet, MA), Iris Pickard (Wellfleet, MA) and Benjamin Pickard (Wellfleet, MA).
- CONTINUED FROM 3/21/2023 ~ 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).

Furthermore, the Selectboard will hear a commercial shellfishing permit hardship exemption and review updates to the Dredging Mitigation plan:

- Commercial Shellfishing Permit for grant holder ~ Hardship exemption for Matt Parent
- 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.

This will mean that a 28-acre section of Blackfish Creek, from a little west of Drummer's Cove extending east toward the highway, will move into a specially managed status by the Shellfish Department. We will close it for three years and propagate it heavily with oyster seed and quahogs from the state-run contaminated relay, and eventually sea clam cultch. Our goal is to get to 25 oysters per square meter in the area as well as improve the water quality and richness in species biodiversity.

After three years, we will evaluate these metrics and open it depending on what level of success we have achieved. We are very excited at the possibility of turning a mediocre resource area that is currently under-utilized into an area with increased shellfish populations with albeit limited in the beginning, but available harvest opportunities. And we hope that the benefits will also flow out towards Old Wharf Point, Field Point and Pleasant Point, improving shellfish populations in those open areas as well. Please attend the meeting or tune in to learn more and share your thoughts.

[Click here to see the Selectboard packet.](#)

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

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

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

2. Omaha Road Users: Beach Renourishment Project to Begin Tomorrow, Tuesday, May 23

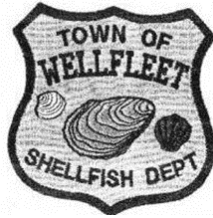
Heads up: Beginning tomorrow, E-Z Doze It will be utilizing Omaha Road to stage sand while it conducts beach renourishment north of Sewell's Gutter on Samoset Road.

3. 2023 Grant Inspections and Grant Extensions

Given the amount of untagged bags we continue to find, this year, the Shellfish Department will focus on gear tagging during its annual grant inspections. In order to give everyone six weeks of time to make sure that all their gear is tagged, we will not begin inspections until after July 4. To make the best use of the department's time, please let us know if you are NOT ready for inspection, and we will try to move you later in the season. We are trying to avoid having to come back multiple times for one inspection.

On the other hand, if you are all tagged up and ready for your inspection, by all means, let us know, and we'll get it out of the way early!

Also, those grantholders who have received their Army Corps of Engineers permit and Conservation Commission approval for their grant extensions may place their buoys out and utilize the extension even if they have not completed their professional survey. The Shellfish Department will come help with buoy placement for this growing season. If you have not completed the above permitting processes, you may not use the grant extension yet.



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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