



Town Shellfish Crier
May 28, 2021

1. The Wellfleet Shellfish Department is Hiring

With Drew Ryan's departure in search of year-round employment and an extra person necessary to help patrol the increase in recreational shellfishing, we are hiring both [full-time](#) and [part-time](#) seasonal Deputy Shellfish Constables, starting with the new fiscal year on July 1 (subject to Annual Town Meeting approval of the Town's operating budget). Both positions will also assist Johnny Clam with propagation activities and Nancy with administrative tasks. Please share these postings far and wide!

2. Education and Communication are Keys to Success

The department has been working to find creative ways to educate our summer visitors. Jordan Halloran, the AmeriCorps Cape Cod member who has been serving with us since October, created [A Boater's Guide to Shellfish Farming Gear in Wellfleet Harbor](#) so folks understand what is underneath the water on and in which they are recreating. We were also able to get new, professional, metal signage for all the different shellfish landings in town in the hopes of cutting down on poaching by unknowing tourists. Plus, no more plastic lamination breaking down in our estuaries!

3. Buoys for the Hat Area in the Cove are Out

We have already placed four buoys delineating the spat collecting area in Chipman's Cove. They are yellow and green and are marked with "WSD." You must have both a seed permit from the state and a commercial shellfishing permit from the town in order to place spat collectors in the Cove. All gear must be tagged. Hats must be out by OCTOBER 20, 2021. The Shellfish Department would gratefully accept any seed donations anyone can spare in the fall, and we promise to take very good care of them. Thank you!

4. Shellfish Advisory Board Meetings

The Shellfish Advisory Board will meet this coming **Friday, June 4 at 9 a.m.** to discuss whether to make a recommendation to the Selectboard to implement a moratorium on grant license approvals. Here is the regulation to be discussed:

7.7. Moratorium on Aquaculture Licenses

The Board of Selectmen may at a duly advertised public hearing declare a moratorium (a time-specific closure) on license approvals at any time this action is deemed appropriate and in the best interests of the fishery and the environment.

Check here on Tuesday for the agenda to be posted with Zoom meeting link:

<https://www.wellfleet-ma.gov/shellfish-advisory-board>

You can watch previous meetings of the Shellfish Advisory Board here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pqumWL1JU4&list=PLmKXqy8Q231ou63CV3BYNMT-duRJGftxB>

Agendas for past meetings can be found here:

<https://www.wellfleet-ma.gov/node/2801/agenda/2021>

4. Shellfish Community Announcements

- *Memorial Gathering for Dick Krauss*
On **Thursday, June 17, at 4:30 p.m. at Mayo Beach**, the shellfishing community will gather for a memorial service for Dick Krauss, former owner of ARC Hatchery, a shellfish industry colleague, mentor and friend. Come share your stories and memories. After, the gathering will move to The Boathouse at the Chequessett Yacht and Country Club.
- *Calling all Shellfishermen!*
S.P.A.T. and The Pearl invite you to join in on a shucking good time for the debut of the S.P.A.T. film about the legacy and history of Wellfleet shellfishing created by Justin Lynch and Edward Boches. You are part of the history! Come celebrate your industry! The event will be held on **Monday, June 14, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.**, pizza will be served. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be on the house as we toast the Quintessential American Oyster! Please RSVP by this Tuesday, June 1 to info@wellfleetspat.org
- *Get your Wellfleets brand T-shirt*
Spread the Wellfleet oyster love with your new "Wellfleets" T-shirt, just in time for the summer season. T-shirts will be distributed to Wellfleet grant holders, their employees and commercial wild harvesters by S.P.A.T., next **Friday, June 4, from 5-6 p.m. at the bandstand on the pier.**

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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