



**Town Shellfish Crier**  
**May 4, 2022**

**1. Mass. DMF to Host Vibrio Control Plan Public Meeting Tomorrow, Thurs., May 5, 1;30 p.m.**

The Division of Marine Fisheries will hold a Vibrio Control Plan public meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the Eastham Town Hall. This public meeting will provide information and training on the Vibrio Control Plan and existing regulations as well as provide a recap from the 2021 Vibrio Control Plan season. "The goal of the Control Plan is to reduce the probability of occurrence of *V.p.* illness during periods of warmer temperatures that have been historically associated with illnesses. The plan was developed by the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries and the Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health, Food Protection Program in conjunction with the Massachusetts shellfish industry in order to protect public health and comply with the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. Additional *V.p.* Control Plan resources can be found on [DMF's website](#)."

**2. Vibrio Control Plan to Take Effect May 19, 2022**

The Vibrio Control Plan will take effect Wednesday, May 19, 2022, and will remain in effect until October 19, 2022. If you need a vibrio logbook, please come to the office or ask a Constable on the flats.

**3. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. The **Selectboard** will take up a couple of shellfishing items at its meeting on Tues., May 10, 2022, via Zoom (link will be found [here](#) 48 hours prior). Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Agenda items are under Business.

**VII. Business**

- B. Request for a vote to increase spending authorization for Shellfish Revolving Fund for Propagation per MGL Ch 44 sec 53E 1\_2
- C. Hardship Exemption Commercial Shellfish Permit ~ Robert Wallace
- b. The **Shellfish Advisory Board** will hold a meeting on Wed., May 11, at 6 p.m. Check the Shellfish Dept.'s open and public [Facebook page](#) or on the calendar of the Town of Wellfleet website's home page for the agenda 48 hours prior.

**4. A Message from Barnstable County about an Outer Cape Public Health Needs Assessment**

"The Provincetown, Truro, and Wellfleet Health Departments, jointly with the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment, are conducting public health needs assessments in their towns to determine how effective current social and health programs are, especially after the worst impacts from COVID. It also measures the attainment level of some of the [Healthy People 2030 goals](#)."

This evaluation process can only be valid and effective with extensive resident input. The survey was designed for residents to learn about their socioeconomic factors, health care and mental health services use, dietary habits, illegal substance use, and the effects of COVID on their lives. The survey is electronic and accessible by QR code (found on our Facebook page) and hyperlink found [HERE](#).

We thank you in advance for your help in accomplishing our important evaluative task. We hope this leads to better alignment of health and social programmatic needs and possibly results in some new effective programs and agency collaborations.

Please contact Patrice Barrett, at [Patrice.barrett@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:Patrice.barrett@barnstablecounty.org) with any questions or concerns.”

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) or 617-901-7193 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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