



## **Town Shellfish Crier**

**June 2, 2023**

### **1. Herring River Mitigation Area Update**

You may have noticed that the Shellfish Department put out pink closed buoys mirroring the Herring River prohibited area closure line. This forms a rectangle with the candy-striped poles being the other two corners. This area is currently NOT CLOSED. We needed to mark it off in order to do the biological sampling and cultching. We will close it when the Army Corps of Engineers issues or is about to issue the dredging permit for the Chipman's Cove mooring basin. Feel free to shellfish there until an upcoming Crier or text message informs you that it is closed. Thank you.

### **2. Buoys Out for Hats in the Cove**

Yesterday, the Shellfish Department put out the four buoys in Chipman's Cove to mark the hat area. We are short on buoys, so note that they are mismatched and different colors and shapes, but they are out there so people can put their hats in when they are ready.

### **3. June 1 Changes**

As of yesterday, June 1, and through September 30, South Lieutenant Island is closed to oystering (although, still open for clamming) and recreational shellfishermen may only shellfish at the Indian Neck Recreational Area on Sundays and Wednesdays. You will see new signage up around landings.

### **4. Shellfish Advisory Board Will Hold an In-Person and Online Meeting on Thursday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Adult Community Center and on Zoom**

The Shellfish Department is unfortunately unable to attend. We are in cultching season, and staff is working overtime already. We will send a memo with our propagation plans to SAB members for the discussion outlined below. Thank you for understanding.

Agenda:

- Announcements, Open Session & Public Comments
- Review and approve meeting minutes – May 9, 2023
- Conflict of interest and Open Meeting Law Training
- NRAB – Update
- Corporations and other business entities named on Grants – Continued
- Town Propagation Plans - WSD
- Massachusetts New Hatchery
- Reorganize SAB
- Communication from SAB to Shellfish community
- Dredging/Mitigation Update
- Future topics

Join the meeting hosted in Zoom by using link below. 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>

Phone: 929 205 6099 – Meeting ID: 942 1426 1094 – Passcode: 136251

#### **5. Wellfleet Shellfish Department is Hiring**

The Shellfish Department is hiring a seasonal, part-time Deputy Shellfish Constable for the recreational shellfishery. See announcement [here](#) (scroll down to seasonal positions) and job description [here](#) (it may automatically download a PDF). Please share widely. We will soon be posting a year-round job, as well. Stay tuned.

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto: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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