



Town Shellfish Crier
June 7, 2022

1. Shellfish Items on Selectboard Agenda, tonight Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7 p.m.

The Selectboard will hold public hearings to consider the renewal of one grant and the forfeiture of another grant for failure to meet minimum productivity at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at an in-person meeting at the Wellfleet Adult Community Center, 715 Old Kings Hwy, Wellfleet, MA 02667. The meeting will also be available virtually through a Zoom Meeting Conference. The Zoom link is [here](#). The agenda is [here](#).

- 1) Schooner Grady & Luene Grady, forfeiture for failure to meet minimum productivity of license #95-15 consisting of 0.92 acres on Egg Island per Town of Wellfleet Shellfishing Policy and Regulations Sections 7.12 Evidence of Productivity: Use It or Lose It, 7.12.2. Failure to Meet Production Levels and 7.13.3 Notification of Failure to Meet Minimal Requirements
- 2) Application received 1/30/2022 for the renewal of shellfish grant license # 7312 consisting of .5 acres off Old Wharf Point for ten years from James and Allison Gray (Wellfleet, MA).

2. *Tide to Table: The Remarkable Journey of Oysters* Film Debut

PaceDocs, of Pace University, is excited to present their documentary *Tide to Table: The Remarkable Journey of Oysters*. "Tide to Table documents how oysters rely on the ebb and flow of the tide for flavor. One oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day; their survival is determined by their farmers, deeply rooted in their tradition and connection to the sea. The documentary, filmed on-location across the flats of [Wellfleet and] Cape Cod, the shores of Connecticut's Long Island Sound, and the urban waterways of New York City, features scientists, historians, shellfish constables [*Johnny Clam!*] and farmers. It explores the serendipitous relationship between nature, oyster farmers, modern aquaculture technology, and a movement to better understand their ecological value, while showing how oysters are thriving in areas such as Cape Cod and being restored in once depleted regions such as Connecticut and New York City as a means of improving water quality." There will be several local showings of the documentary in the coming weeks. The showing at the Wellfleet Preservation Hall tonight is sold out; however, there are still spots available for the following viewings:

- [Thursday, June 16, at 7 p.m. – Chatham Orpheum, Chatham, MA](#) - Reception from 6 to 7 p.m. with a cash bar for food and drinks. The film showing will be at 7 p.m. with the filmmakers followed by a Q&A. Oyster farmers are welcome to join in and answer questions.
- [Wednesday, June 22, at 6 p.m. - Cape Cinema, Dennis, MA](#) - Reception from 6 to 7 p.m. with a fee of \$15 to cover food for the attendees. The film showing will be at 7

p.m. with the filmmakers. Oyster farmers are welcome to join in and answer questions.

If you are unable to attend one of the viewings, the documentary will premiere on the [FaceDocs Youtube](#) channel on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 7 p.m.

3. Quahog Relay Update

The Shellfish Department has finished broadcasting quahogs from the Taunton River through the state-run contaminated quahog relay. We distributed over 515,000 quahogs of varying sizes from seed to chowders, 345,000 of which went to Chipman's Cove while 170,000 went to the Indian Neck Recreational Only Area next to the breakwater. We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the volunteers we call *Johnny Clam's Crew* who assisted in off-loading and distributing these quahogs. We couldn't do our propagation efforts as easily and efficiently without these recreational shellfishermen volunteers.

4. Financial Discussion at Selectboard Meeting, May 31, 2022

On May 31, 2022, former interim-Town Administrator Charlie Sumner presented the findings of the internal audit he and his team conducted in Wellfleet for FY20 and FY21. They also discussed the five-year financial forecast and fielded questions and comments. You can view that discussion [here](#) – the financial presentation begins around the 30-minute mark.

Contact Nancy at 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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