



Town Shellfish Crier
July 25, 2023

1. Shellfish Advisory Board meeting, Friday, July 28 at 7 p.m. at Adult Community Center and on Zoom ~ Agenda:

- Announcements, Open Session & Public Comments
- Review and Approve Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2023
- Status of Lottery / Grants on Indian Neck
- Review of WSD Email on Propagation Discussion
- Corporations and Other Business Entities Named on Grants / Input from Town Council, Possible Vote to Request Extension on Discussion Deadline
- Reorganize SAB
- Cont. Vote on Agenda Materials Deadline
- Future Topics

Attend in person: Adult Community Center, 715 Old King's Hwy.

Attend via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94214261094?pwd=NW5FbVFCUTZZVzZaUldydjNMZ1lYZz09>

Meeting ID: 942 1426 1094 ~ Passcode: 136251

Dial in: +1 929 205 6099

2. Shellfish Tagging Reminder

We have been advised by a shellfish dealer that certain grant holder tags from Wellfleet growers are not properly stating Farm Raised or Aquacultural Reared for petite oysters and "gem" or "vongole" clams as required by state regulation 322 CMR 6 (2) (d) 3:

"In addition to the shellfish tagging requirements at 322 CMR 16.03: Tagging of Shellfish, all aquaculturists or their licensed employees shall include the statement "Aquaculture Reared" or "Farm Raised" on all shellfish tags that are affixed to containers that hold either quahogs or oysters that are aquaculture reared and do not conform to the minimum sizes at 322 CMR 6.20(a) and (c)."

In addition, all tags should reflect whether the shellfish is farm-raised or wild so that dealers can log it into SAFIS correctly. As one of the only towns in the Commonwealth with a year-round wild oyster fishery, we want to quantify our wild landings to demonstrate their importance to the industry and our town into the future. And with more than 10 million farmed oysters sold annually by Wellfleet growers, we want to make sure that our aquaculture industry is accurately represented as well.

Please make a note of this and tag accordingly. Thank you!

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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