



**Town Shellfish Crier**  
**July 28, 2020**

**1. Two Shellfish Public Hearings at Selectboard Meeting at 7 PM Tonight, Tues., July 28, 2020**

At tonight's Selectboard meeting at 7 p.m., there will be two public hearings regarding shellfishing.

- A. Transfer of Shellfish Grant #s 95-17 and 95-18 from Jon Nordahl and Mike Seiser to Jon Nordahl, Mike Seiser and William Barrio.
- B. Overwintering regulation changes sections 7.19.5 Overwintering of Equipment on Grants and 7.19.6 Fines for Gear Violations (includes Appendix D Overwintering Agreement).

To tune in and participate, join the meeting hosted in Zoom by using the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/99117816734?pwd=VXdDV1ZFZ3JZekNEWIQ0MVnNkxmZz09>

More details are here: <https://www.wellfleet-ma.gov/selectboard/agenda/sb-agenda-and-meeting-packet-21>

**2. Contaminated Quahog Relay 2020 Update**

Due to COVID-19, the state-run contaminated quahog relay from the Taunton River only began in July. Given the normal fall market slump and the continuing demand for hard shell clams amidst the pandemic, we increased our order this year to 501 bushels. We put 225 in the Indian Neck recreational shellfishing only area and 276 in Chipman's Cove. We are pleased to report that there was an abundance of small quahogs, even littleneck size, so we are hopeful for strong markets and a solid opening on the last Sunday in October. These clams are stringently tested for disease and safety. Although we prioritize participation in this program because of the spawning contributions they make to our harbor, given the timing this year, we may have missed that. However, there were plenty of seed clams in the mix, which we hope will bode well for next year. We are greatly indebted to the DPW and the Harbormasters for their help in executing this program. We could not do it without them! Many thanks! We are happy to answer any questions you have.

**3. State Delegating FDA Vibrio Control Monitoring Paperwork to Towns**

Just a quick heads up: The Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries is requesting that Town Shellfish Departments fill out state paperwork used in reporting to the FDA when conducting our routine vibrio compliance monitoring. Nothing will change in our normal inspections; except, we now have paperwork to fill out. We will need to ask for your state seller's card number and your propagation permit number the first time we fill the paperwork out with you. Thanks for your patience as we roll out this new system.

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, especially regarding COVID-19 impacts. Thank you!

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