



Town Shellfish Crier
August 12, 2021

1. WSD to Host HDYLTA Trust Parcel Public Hearing for Shellfishermen

This **Monday, August 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**, the Wellfleet Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing to have a community discussion to plan how the Town of Wellfleet will best utilize the HDYLTA parcel on Indian Neck and Field Point. **The Shellfish Department will host an in-person Zoom here at our offices for those who prefer to gather together. Masks required. Windows will be open.** We encourage the shellfishing community to join us and share your views on how the town will use this parcel in the future. The Marina Advisory Committee has also been discussing concerns with aquaculture uses in other parts of town, specifically Blackfish Creek, Old Wharf Point, Mayo Beach and Egg Island. We hope this is the first of many community conversations about the peaceful co-existence of the town's primary year-round economic driver – the shellfishing industry – and other harbor users, such as sailors, pleasure boaters, kayakers, beach-goers and walkers.

To join the Zoom on Monday August 16, click [here](#).

Meeting ID: 868 1168 1510

Passcode: 505189

Dial by your location: 1 929 205 6099 US

2. Grant Holder Reminders

- A. If you put hats or other spat collecting devices out, please make sure that there are tagged just like you tag all of your aquaculture gear. We realize that spat collection is considered wild fishing, but tagging your gear ensures it will get returned to you if lost and allows the Shellfish Department to make sure everyone is in compliance with town and state regulations. Thank you!
- B. Please remember to fill out the employee paperwork each year and list who is working with you on your grant. This enables The Shellfish Department to know who is allowed to be out there and ensures that your employees are being documented for time working in the shellfishing industry. You can download the form [here](#) or stop by our offices to fill it out. We can also do it during your grant inspections.
- C. Grant inspections are ongoing. Please make sure that all of your racks and bags are tagged, and your buoys are out and marked so that we do not have to come back for a second inspection. We sincerely appreciate your collaboration.

3. Attention Shellfishermen Homeowners:

Wellfleet currently has a 0% interest, forgivable loan program for home repairs. The program, administered by TRI, will assist in paying for repairs up to \$40,000. Repairs can include new septic, new siding, new roof, and more. The program is income qualified. There

are a limited number of these loans available. Many thanks to the Wellfleet Housing Authority for passing this important opportunity along. We hope it can help some people in the shellfishing community. The funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis. More information can be found by contacting the Director of Housing Rehab Programs for TRI Jean Stanley at 508-694-6521 or jean@theresource.org.

4. Updated Regulations Posted

On April 27, 2021, the Town of Wellfleet Selectboard voted to add a domicile exception (Sections 6.1.2 and 7.8.2) to the Town of Wellfleet's Shellfishing Policy and Regulations. On June 22, 2021, the Selectboard approved the addition of an application procedure (Section 7.6.1) for new grants and grant extensions to the town's regulations. The Selectboard also voted to approve a few other housekeeping changes, and the updated regulations have been posted around town as per Section 3.1 of the regulations. They can be found on the Shellfish Department website [here](#). Don't hesitate to contact us for further details.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you!

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