



**Town Shellfish Crier
August 13, 2018**

1. Kellers Corner Re-Opens to Quahogging

On Wed., Aug. 15, as per the Board of Selectmen vote at its May 22 meeting, Kellers Corner will re-open to the harvest of quahogs. In May, the Shellfish Department worked with a local dragger to harvest quahogs from the off-shore area of Kellers Corner where they were inaccessible to fishermen and transplant them to the inshore area where clammers could get to them. We closed the area for nearly three months to allow them to spawn, hopefully adding to the future quahog population in the inshore area. Happy scatching!

2. Spat Collecting Devices in Chipman's Cove

To clarify our intentions, we would appreciate any oyster seed any grant holder who is collecting wild spat from Chipman's Cove cares to donate to the department for our wild propagation initiatives. We apologize for the language in the June Crier making it seem like there was a 10 percent mandate. We understand that not everyone can afford to give away their seed collected. We sincerely appreciate the constructive criticism we received. Give what you can, if you can. We'll appreciate it and so will the wild commercial and recreational fishermen in our community.

3. FDA vibrio audit

On Tues., July 17, MADMF's Chris Schillaci brought the FDA vibrio control team to Wellfleet for an audit of how the state's vibrio control plan is working on the flats. I am proud (but not surprised) to say that we passed the federal inspection with flying colors! Chris was especially appreciative of all the hard work all of you are doing to comply with the plan and bring the coldest, freshest, best quality oysters to market. A big thanks to Jim Rose, Andrew Cummings, Irving and Jake Puffer and Bob Wallace for demonstrating their harvesting operations during the audit.

4. Town Administrator blog

TA Dan Hoort has begun distributing a newsletter to Wellfleet residents and non-residents who love Wellfleet to keep folks informed of activities related to Wellfleet municipal government. He is starting out with a summary of Select Board meetings and hopes to expand to more boards and committees and various news of interest. Click [here](#) to join his email list.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 with any questions, comments or ideas for future Town Criers. Thank you!

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