



Town Shellfish Crier
August 23, 2022

1. First case of vibrio parahaemolyticus (Vp) confirmed in Wellfleet in 2022 season

On Thursday, August 18, we were informed by the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries that there had been a confirmed single source case of Vp illness linked to oysters harvested from CCB11 in Wellfleet Harbor. The person consumed raw oysters at two different Wellfleet restaurants on July 21 and 22, 2022, and the oysters came from lots harvested between July 14 and 20, 2022.

The Shellfish Department worked with the state on follow up, and it was determined that the harvesters involved had amply followed protocol. This single incidence will not result in a closure to oyster harvesting. Vibrio lives in our water, so we will use this as a reminder to shellfishermen to continue to use plenty of ice, monitor exposure times and deliver oysters immediately to market. The last day of the vibrio control season is October 19, 2022.

2. REMINDER: Herring River will close at sunset next Wednesday, August 31, 2022

3. Grant Inspections and Revisits Are Winding Up

Mid-September offers the last good negative tides, and the Shellfish Department is looking to wrap up its 2022 grant inspections. If you have not had a grant inspection yet, please contact the department to set one up as soon as possible: 508-349-0325. Regulations say that the grant holder must be there, however, should you prefer that we go on our own without you, please let us know. Once we complete the inspection, we will reach out to you to meet and go over the paperwork.

Also, if you were still working on getting your racks, cages, condos, bags, etc. tagged when we did your grant inspection, we will be circling back to you over the next few weeks. And as a reminder: Please make sure to have everything you will be leaving out for overwintering tagged.

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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