



Town Shellfish Crier
August 5, 2021

1. HDYLTa Trust Parcel Public Hearing

On 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. The public is welcome to join the meeting via Zoom, and we especially encourage the shellfishing community to participate and share their views.

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. Green Crab Pots

We are aware that increasing populations of green crabs are becoming a problem in Wellfleet Harbor. With good intentions, shellfishermen may be using traps or pots for green crab predator control. It is important to note that you need a letter of authorization from MADMF in order to use green crab pots.

We also want to make sure that these pots are not inadvertently trapping and drowning diamondback terrapin turtles, which are endangered and state protected, and we will present the idea of performing research on how to deal with this situation to the Shellfish Advisory Board. If you are using crab traps, we would like to hear from you to learn more about this issue and your research ideas.

3. ServSafe Class: Monday, September 27, 1:30-5:30 p.m., and Review and Exam: Wednesday, September 29, 2-6 p.m. at Wellfleet Preservation Hall

ServSafe is one of several food safety manager certification courses that are accepted in Massachusetts. ServSafe Food Safety Manager Certification complies with Massachusetts public health standards and is based on the National Food Code from which the Mass. Health Code is modeled. A grant from Mass. Department of Agriculture (MDAR) has provided materials for the Wellfleet Shellfishermen's Assn. to offer *FREE ServSafe certification* with educators from Cape Cod Cooperative Extension. The course includes 7th edition ServSafe text, study materials and 90 question multiple choice exam. Certification is valid for five years.

With a live class, the instructor can provide real examples of scenarios that will help the learner understand the real-life application of the materials well as participate in review exercise to better comprehend material. Restaurant, shellfishermen, farmers' market vendors and food serving volunteers may not have the extensive food safety background

covered in the course materials. Those needing to re-certify for their certification can come to the second day for review and testing. There is space for 20 people. **Please RSVP by August 20 to Ginny Parker, President of WSA, at info@wellfleetshellfishermen.org with your name, mailing address (for the study materials), email, best phone number and name of business (if applicable).**

4. Omaha Access and Noise Issues

The Town of Wellfleet is negotiating with the Field Point Homeowner's Assn. on an easement to grant the shellfishing industry the right to use Omaha Road as a point of access to Indian Neck and Field Point in perpetuity. We are in the very beginning stages of this, and as a first step, signage was placed both by the Town and by the Assn. on Omaha Rd. to indicate No Parking and that boats can't be placed on marsh grass. If wild commercial shellfishermen, grant holders or their employees need to park at the end of Omaha, please let our department know, and we will make sure there are not any problems.

Additionally, we are working hard to be good neighbors, and we are putting forth a gentle reminder that sound carries, so please keep your music and voices turned down. We have had three complaints over the last ten days, and we want to avoid future conflicts.

5. Round 2 of CARES Act Relief

The Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries mailed out applications for Round 2 of CARES Act Fisheries Relief to 2020 Commercial Shellfish Harvesters and Aquaculture and Propagation Permit Holders. You should soon be receiving your application in the mail and may have questions about filling it out. If so, DMF will be hosting four workshops to provide applicants with opportunities to ask questions about their application and get guidance on computing the figures that must be reported on the application. Click [here](#) for in-person workshop times and locations or you may also email DMF at dmf.caresrelief@mass.gov. Applications must be sent back to DMF and postmarked by August 28, 2021.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 508-349-0325 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing, or if you have any questions/concerns. Thank you!

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