



**Town Shellfish Crier**  
**September 13, 2023**

**1. Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries Has Requested that We Remind Harvesters to Add Their Grant License Numbers to Their Tags as per 322 CMR 16.05: Tagging of Shellfish**

All shellfish being moved requires a tag, whether quahogs or oysters, whether for harvest or culling. Here is the state harvest tagging regulation.

[16.05: Tagging of Shellfish](#)

(1) Requirements to Tag Containers of Market Bound Shellfish. All commercial fishermen harvesting shellfish for commercial purposes shall affix a tag with the features and information specified at 322 CMR §16.05(1)(a). to each container of shellfish prior to landing.

(a) Tag Features and Required Information. The tag shall be comprised of durable and waterproof material and at least 13.8 square inches in size and at least 2e inches in height by 5¼ inches in width. The tag shall contain, in order specified, the following information written in indelible ink:

1. The full name of the harvester;
2. The commercial shellfish permit identification number assigned by the Division;
3. The date and time of harvest;
4. The type of shellfish harvested;
5. The quantity of shellfish harvested;
6. The initials of the state of harvest;
7. The shellfish growing area name and number from where the shellfish was harvested;
8. The licensed shellfish aquaculture grant site number, if applicable; and
9. The following statement in bold and capitalized letters:

**"THIS TAG IS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED UNTIL CONTAINER IS EMPTY OR IS RETAGGED AND THEREAFTER KEPT ON FILE FOR 90 DAYS."**

(b) Requirements for Dealers Accepting Shellfish. Dealers accepting shellfish from any person shall ensure that all containers of shellfish are properly tagged as required by 322 CMR 16.05.

**2. Seed Sales and Donations**

If you would like to donate or sell oyster seed to your fellow grant holders, please call Gabe Lundgren at MADMF (508-742-9761) and have him add that endorsement to your 2023 Propagation Permit. If you would like to donate to the Wellfleet Shellfish Department, we would be happy to make that call for you! And we will write you a donation letter to claim on your tax returns, as well.

**3. Shellfish Department Hiring Full-Time, Year-Round Deputy Shellfish Constable Position**

The Wellfleet Shellfish Department is in search of a full-time, year-round Deputy Shellfish Constable with responsibilities to include recreational shellfishing, administrative support and propagation activities. Scroll down to the job [announcement here](#) and click on the job [description](#). Please share these postings far and wide!

**4. REMINDER: Deadline for Applications for Wellfleet Selectboard's Lottery of Five Grants is 4 p.m. Fri., Sept. 29, 2023 – NO APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE**

The Wellfleet Selectboard will hold a hybrid public meeting on October 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to conduct lotteries for five shellfish grants: #[851](#) on Field Point and #s [01-06-B1](#), [01-06-B2](#), [792-B1](#), and [792-B2](#) in the deep-water area off Indian Neck. See announcement [here](#).

Each grant number above links to the announcement and instructions, application and five-year business plan, and two different maps. Please read and download ALL documents. You will need to fill out and submit paperwork for each grant you would like to apply for. The lottery will be conducted one-by-one in the above order. If your name is drawn in one grant lottery, it will not be entered in subsequent grant lotteries.

The Shellfish Department has applications printed out and available at their office at the pier. Applications are available to download from the Town of Wellfleet website on the Shellfish Dept. webpage, as described above. Applications and the required supporting documentation must be delivered to Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta directly or emailed to [Nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:Nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) by the **deadline of Friday, September 29, at 4:00 p.m.** No exceptions will be made.

*Any individual who submitted an application for the lotteries that took place on December 20, 2022, only needs to fill out the application and submit it with a five-year business plan for each grant they would like to apply for. No further back-up documentation is necessary, as the Shellfish Department still has it on file.*

**Wellfleet Selectboard Public Lottery for Aquaculture Grants: October 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

**In person:** 715 Old King's Highway (Adult Community Center)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85689604806?pwd=blplVFFBZzViQ0xNWkZKMm9iMVdrdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 8960 4806 ~ Passcode: 611877 ~ Phone: 929 205 6099

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) or 508-349-0325 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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