



**Town Shellfish Crier
September 21, 2017**

The Wellfleet Shellfish Department will begin distributing news, updates and information important to your shellfishing businesses. We hope you find them useful and welcome your feedback.

1. New Signage

You may have noticed new signage at shellfishing access areas around town. A concerned citizen complained to the Town Administrator that the department's signage was inadequate. I called the state to see what they use, and the result is the signs you see. They certainly are more colorful!

2. Updating the Town of Wellfleet Shellfish Management Plan

The Shellfish Advisory Board will begin to update this important guiding document over the course of the fall and winter. The first review will be at its meeting on **Wed., Sept. 27, at 7 p.m.** in the basement conference room in Town Hall. If you are interested in learning more or providing input, please show up.

3. Grant Inspections: Town of Wellfleet Shellfishing Policy and Regulations (Sec. 7.14)

After OysterFest, the Shellfish Department will begin its annual inspections of grants. Our goal is not only to satisfy our regulations, but also to create current and accurate files for all grants. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can! Please review **Section 7** of the Town of Wellfleet [Shellfishing Policy and Regulations](#) for specifics on exactly what we will be checking. If you would like a printed copy of the regulations, please stop by our office at the pier. Here are a few of the items on our checklist (not all):

- a. Review of Town and State permits and 2016 annual grant report
- b. Individuals licensed for the grant (Sec. 7.8.3)
- c. Employee register (Sec. 7.8.4)
- d. Evidence of productivity (animals) (Sec. 7.12)
- e. Four properly marked buoys (Sec. 7.19.1)
- f. Gear height (Sec. 7.19.2)
- g. Gear tags (Sec. 7.19.3)
- h. Clean of damaged or obsolete gear (including zip ties) (Sec. 7.19.4)
- i. Overwintering rack agreement (Sec. 7.19.5)
- j. Courtesy lights on floating platforms and barges (Marina and Harbor Rules and Regulations Secs. I.1 and I.4)

If grant's general condition does not meet regulations, we will determine together a check back date certain to get grant into compliance, and we'll return for a final re-inspection.

4. Save the Date: Saturday, Nov. 4 – 2017 State of Wellfleet Harbor Conference

Sediment characteristics and water quality are a couple of many topics that will be discussed. Also, see this flyer about an [ongoing sediment study](#). Look for Katie out on the flats on Egg Island and Mayo Beach during the first two weeks of October!

Please contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 to make sure we have your email and cell phone numbers for important communications regarding closures and other news.

Thanks for your time and attention!

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