



Town Shellfish Crier
September 30, 2020

1. Center for Coastal Studies Legacy Aquaculture Gear Removal Day, Monday, Oct. 19

The Center for Coastal Studies approached the Shellfish Department offering to help with aquaculture gear cleanup as part of an ongoing grant they have. The focus will be on intertidal areas where old aquaculture gear is potentially hazardous and difficult to remove. The center will bring volunteers, and the department has scheduled an AmeriCorps Cape Cod service day to help, too. Many hands make light work! A few areas we are thinking about targeting are Egg Island, Field Point/Fox Island, Blackfish Creek channel and Old Wharf Point/Loagy Bay. **If you know of areas with old gear needing removal, please let us know.** Email nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or leave us a message at 508-349-0325, and we'll call you back to discuss.

2. Bay Scallop Season Opens Tomorrow, October 1

Here's a quick recap of the regulations:

6.2.4.1. Bay Scallops

No vessel shall take more than ten (10) bushels (tied) of scallops, including shells. No more than twenty (20) bushels (tied), shells included, shall be taken by any vessel having two (2) or more permit holders on board, in one (1) day. The captain of said vessel shall be cited for each violation.

4.14. Possession of Seed Restricted

No person who does not hold a state propagation permit or an aquaculture license shall have in his or her possession seed shellfish, defined as ... bay scallops without a well defined raised annual growth line. A violation of this regulation shall exist if the take contains more than 5% seed shellfish per batch.

4.7. Daily Time Limits

No person shall harvest, pick, dig, pile, take or carry away any shellfish from the waters of the Town, by any method between one half (1/2) hour after sunset and one half (1/2) hour before sunrise. ([MGL Chapter 130; Section 68](#))

3. Tomorrow, Thursday, October 1, Recreational Shellfishing Re-Opens Throughout South Wellfleet

Just a reminder that on October 1, all areas south of the breakwater open to the taking of shellfish by recreational permitholders.

4. Federal Channel Dredging Begins Tomorrow, Thursday, October 1

Click [here](#) to read more.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you!

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