



Town Recreational Shellfish Crier
January 16, 2018

1. Wellfleet Harbor dredging

We have learned that an important deadline to express support to the Army Corps of Engineers for the Wellfleet Harbor dredging is at 5 p.m. this Thursday, Jan. 18. Click [here](#) for a sample letter you can revise as you see fit; the last paragraph will need to be revised to tell the ACOE that you emphatically support its plan to fund and prioritize the dredging of Wellfleet Harbor. Your letter should be forwarded no later than Jan. 18, by email to nae-pn-nav@usace.army.mil, ATTN: Mr. Craig Martin, RE: MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF THE FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT IN WELLFLEET HARBOR, WELLFLEET, MASSACHUSETTS. The public notice, with more detailed information, is available for review on the Corps website at <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/Public-Notices/>.

Town Administrator Dan Hoort and shellfisherman Bob Wallace are in Washington, D.C. today and tomorrow meeting with decision-making bodies and our elected officials to let them know how critical this is to the success of our shellfishing businesses and the future of our harbor. We may need you to send letters to them soon, too. Stay tuned!

2. Wellfleet Marina Weather Station

The Shellfish Dept. worked with the Harbormaster Dept. to be able to use its weather station (KMAWELLF8) as our official weather gauge. We will monitor this for temperatures, rainfall, etc. to determine fishery openings and closings, as well as to prepare for our work on the flats. You can monitor it, too, right [here](#)!

3. Finance Committee meeting to review Shellfish Dept. budget

The Finance Committee has asked the Shellfish Constable to come to its Wed., Jan. 24, meeting at 7 p.m. at the Council on Aging to give further details about its increase in budget requests. Please consider turning out to show your support so we get the funds to jumpstart our propagation efforts for both the commercial and recreational fisheries and add a seasonal, part-time worker to help during the busy summer months. You can watch the Shellfish Dept.'s presentation at the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee [here](#); it starts at 1:03 (1 hour, 3 minutes into the video).

4. REMINDER: Shellfish Department Updates on Facebook

While we do our best to advise you of all closures immediately via email and text messages, it is your responsibility as a recreational shellfishing permit holder to keep yourself apprised, as well. We will always use the buoy at the pier to indicate closures, and we'll post openings and closings on our publicly accessible [Facebook](#) page and our voicemail (508-349-0325).

Thank you!

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