

Town Recreational Shellfish Crier September 2, 2021

1. Reminder: One permit, one 10-quart wire basket, one rake

This is a reminder that the Town of Wellfleet does not sell family permits. While anyone can be on the beach or accompany a license-holder as a spectator, only a recreational license-holder is permitted to harvest shellfish in Wellfleet.

2. 40,000 oysters distributed to Indian Neck

Over the last 3 weeks approximately 40,000 oysters have been distributed at the Indian Neck Recreational Area. These oysters were seed in 2020 that we grew on our grant. We overwintered them in the pits at the transfer station and put them back out on our farm in March. By July, they had grown to at least a predator-resistant size, many of them growing to the necessary three inches needed for harvest. While there are many oysters ready for harvest, it is very important to measure every piece as some are not the proper length and, therefore, are still seed.

3. 3" PVC Rings

Many have inquired about 3" PVC oyster gauge rings the Department offers at the 3 entrances to the Indian Neck Recreational Area. Unfortunately, we have run out of the rings made in the spring. 3" metal oyster rings are available at Cape Fishermen Supply in Chatham. Additionally, the cheaper rectangular gauge is sold at Mid-cape; however, you must ensure oysters stick out over the top of the gauge as that gauge is not quite 3" long. See photos in our recreational brochure <u>here</u> for more information on measuring.

Contact Nancy at <u>nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov</u> or 508-349-0325 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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