

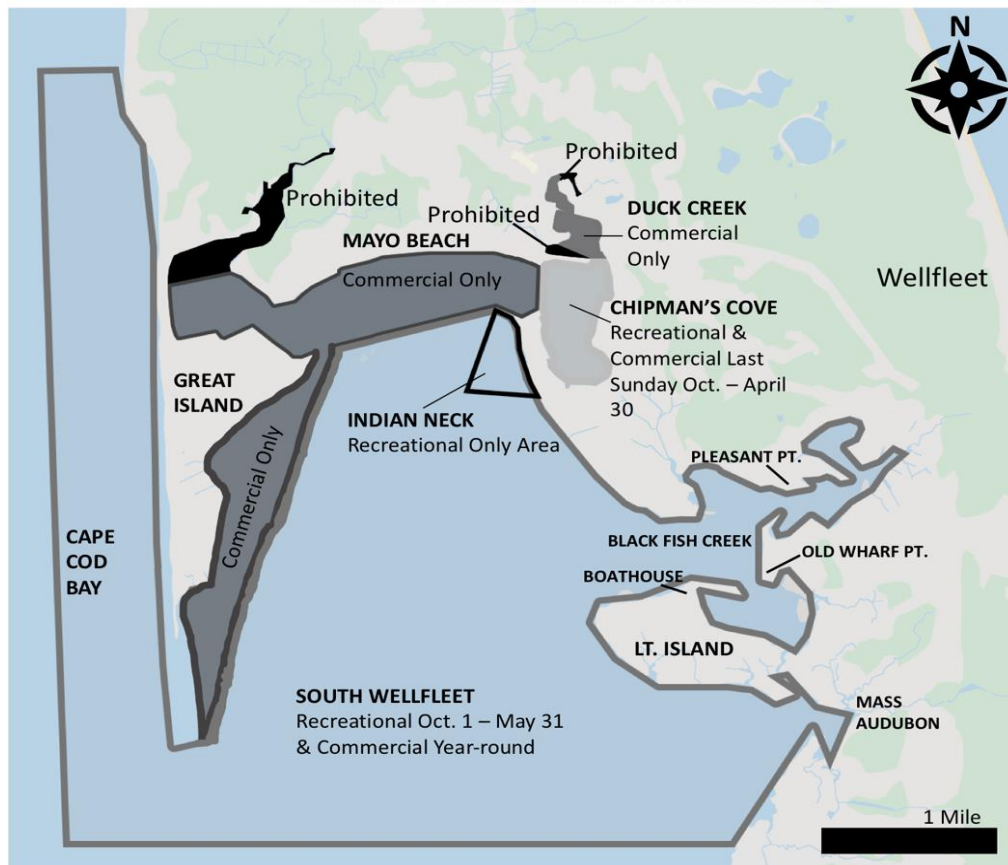


**Town Recreational Shellfish Crier**  
**10/7/2023**

**1. October News: As of October 1, 2023**

- Seasonal permits are no longer valid.
- All South Wellfleet areas are open to recreational shellfishing. Click [here](#) for a map.
- The recreational fishery is open seven days a week. The weekly limit remains the same at one ten-quart wire basket a week. The new week begins on Sundays.
- If you are not checked at the end of your harvest, please send a catch report to [shellfish@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:shellfish@wellfleet-ma.gov) with the quantity of shellfish, type of shellfish, and location of harvest. This helps us give important feedback to the Selectboard on the value of the recreational shellfishery and provides us with statistics for grant application opportunities.
- Word to the wise: South Wellfleet harvesting areas often require a lot of walking, and the Shellfish Department does not do any stocking there. We will continue to stock Indian Neck but are currently focusing on Chipman's Cove for its opening on October 29.

**Wellfleet Recreational Shellfish Areas**



2. **Calling all Volunteers! Wellfleet OysterFest next weekend, October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**  
The Town of Wellfleet partners with the Wellfleet Oyster Alliance (formerly known as SPAT, the producers of the annual Wellfleet OysterFest. Volunteers are essential to the continued success of OysterFest and your help is needed! If you're interested in lending a hand this year, email [volunteers@wellfleetspat.org](mailto:volunteers@wellfleetspat.org) or register online at [Volunteer Registration](#). There are plenty of opportunities and time slots to be filled. Plus, once your shift is done you can enjoy the 'Fest!
  
3. **COASTSWEEP 2023 Beach Clean-up this Monday, October 9, 2023, 10 a.m.-noon**  
The annual "CoastSweep" Beach Clean-up, sponsored by the Mass. Office of Coastal Zone Management, will take place this Monday, October 9, 2023, at 10 a.m. Volunteers should meet at Mayo Beach at 10 a.m. to check-in and receive a beach assignment. The teams will be collecting and recording the types and amounts of debris and returning the debris to Mayo Beach. The SWEEP will provide trash bags, latex gloves and scorecards. Volunteers are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather and bring their own water. The Wellfleet Harbor SWEEP is sponsored by the Wellfleet Conservation Trust, The Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary of Mass Audubon, Friends of Herring River, and Town of Wellfleet groups including the Recycling Committee, the Open Space Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Shellfish Advisory Board and the Shellfish Department. For any questions, please email [info@wellfleetconservationtrust.org](mailto:info@wellfleetconservationtrust.org) or call 508-349-2162.
  
4. **Bay Scallop Season Opened on Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
The bay scallop season began on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Legal-sized bay scallops will have a well-defined growth ring – discernable by sight and touch. In this case, size doesn't matter; you must feel the growth ring on the shell. See photos below of how to feel a bay scallop growth ring.



Contact us at [shellfish@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:shellfish@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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