



**Town Recreational Shellfish Crier  
December 29, 2022**

**1. Selectboard Implements \$10 Increase in Recreational Shellfishing Permits on January 1**

At its December 20, 2022, meeting, the Selectboard voted to increase the cost of Wellfleet's recreational shellfishing permits by \$10.00, beginning January 1, 2023. You can purchase your permit at anytime before that, but only online. Click [here](#) to do that. In order to receive a recreational permit, you must upload a photo of your driver's license and a photo of your vehicle registration. Monday, Jan. 2, is an official holiday so Town Hall will be closed. Next week, you can go into Town Hall, Second Floor, and see Rebekah Eldridge in person, but the new fees will be in effect.

Here are the new fees, beginning Jan. 1, 2023:

**Annual Permits (Jan.1-Dec. 31)**

Resident or Taxpayer: \$70.00

Resident or Taxpayer over 65 years old: \$30.00

Nonresident or Nontaxpayer: \$220.00

Massachusetts Resident Veteran Permit\*: \$70.00

Massachusetts Resident Veteran Permit over 65 years old\*: \$30.00

Town of Wellfleet Employee: \$70.00

Town of Wellfleet Employee over 65 years old: \$30.00

**Seasonal Noncommercial Permits (June 1 – Sept. 30)**

Resident or Taxpayer: \$50.00

Non-resident or Non-taxpayer: \$95.00

Massachusetts Resident Veteran Permit\*: \$50.00

Town of Wellfleet employee: \$50.00

*Wellfleet residents and taxpayers must provide proof of residency or real estate tax bill at time of purchase.*

*\*To enjoy the Massachusetts Veteran Discount, applicants must provide:*

1. A Massachusetts license bearing the Veteran seal,
2. A Massachusetts license and a DD-214 form
3. A Massachusetts license and a Veteran ID card issued by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a slower turn-around time than normal with online orders, so please plan ahead. Once approved, permits will be put in a plastic box inside the back door of Town Hall, which is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Permits are valid January 1 - December 31, 2023. If you buy your permit in January, that there will be a waiting period for us to turn it around for you, and you will not be able to shellfish during the waiting period.

## 2. Please Remember to Report Your Catches

It is important for us to quantify how much shellfish is harvested in Wellfleet. At this time of year, when shellfishing is open seven days a week in many places in town, it can be hard for us to be everywhere at once, and we may not get a chance to check you. We ask that you please email your catches each week to us at: [shellfish@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:shellfish@wellfleet-ma.gov). This will help us communicate the actual value of our recreational shellfishery to our community.

## 3. Shellfishing Closes When Temperature Drops Below 28°F

When the temperature goes below 28 degrees F, no shellfish harvesting is allowed in the wild. Keep your eye on the big pink buoy (the ball) to the right of our office door. **Up = closed**; down = open. This is the Harbormaster's Marina weather station we use to determine air temperature:

<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/ma/wellfleet/KMAWELLF8>

Please note that when the Marina station goes down, Weather Underground defaults to the Provincetown Airport, which we do not use. **Take a drive: The pink buoy at our office is always your guide!**

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