



**Town Recreational Shellfish Crier
May 22, 2023**

Dear recreational shellfish harvesters,

A very important decision is coming up about the future of Wellfleet Harbor. The Wellfleet Selectboard will be determining whether to continue to support the mitigation program to allow the dredging of Wellfleet Harbor and to keep the \$2.5M grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to do the dredging of Area II (the Chipman's Cove Mooring Field).

As communicated by the Shellfish Department previously, this will mean that a 28-acre section of Blackfish Creek, from a little west of Drummer's Cove extending east toward the highway, will move into a specially managed status by the Shellfish Department. We will close it for three years and propagate it heavily with oyster seed and quahogs from the state-run contaminated relay, and eventually sea clam cultch. Our goal is to get to 25 oysters per square meter in the area as well as improve the water quality and richness in species biodiversity. After three years, we will evaluate these metrics and open it depending on what level of success we have achieved. We are very excited at the possibility of turning a mediocre resource area that is currently under-utilized into an area with increased shellfish populations with albeit limited in the beginning, but available harvest opportunities. And we hope that the benefits will also flow out towards Old Wharf Point, Field Point and Pleasant Point, improving shellfish populations in those open areas as well. Please tune in to one of the meetings below to learn more and share your thoughts.

Wellfleet Community Forum, TONIGHT, Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m.

<https://www.wellfleet-ma.gov/home/events/95291>

Online (Zoom) or in person at the Wellfleet Adult Community Center. (See email from the Forum below).

Wellfleet Selectboard Meeting, TOMORROW, Tuesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m.

<https://www.wellfleet-ma.gov/home/events/94601>

Online or in Person at the Wellfleet Adult Community Center, 715 Old King's Highway, Wellfleet, MA, 02667.

Join the meeting hosted in Zoom by using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85689604806?pwd=blplVFFBZzViQ0xNWkZKMm9iMVdrdz09>

Phone: 929 205 6099 -- Meeting ID: 856 8960 4806 -- Passcode: 611877 Landline callers can participate by dialing *9 to raise their hand.

As always, you can send the Selectboard an email at BOS@wellfleet-ma.gov to let them know your thoughts before their meeting on Tuesday night.

Thank you,

Nancy, Johnny Clam and Chris

Nancy Civetta

John Mankevetch

Chris Manulla

Shellfish Constable

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Dredging Mitigation Plan and Permit Information

Hybrid Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2023
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Attend Onsite Meeting
Wellfleet Adult Community Center
715 Old Kings Highway

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82975571391?pwd=UXMxbE90cHdyRHBLTVIGTIJ5Sy85Zz09>



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Dial in 929 205 6099

On Monday, May 22, 2023, at 7:00 PM, the Wellfleet Community Forum will host a presentation by the Dredging Task Force. Dredging Task Force members will provide information and answer questions about the town's proposed mitigation plan required by the Army Corps of Engineers to secure the permit to dredge the harbor mooring field, thus allowing dredging of the first half of the mooring field to begin in October 2023.

This will be a hybrid meeting held in-person at the Adult Community Center and via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82975571391?pwd=UXMxbE90cHdyRHBLTVIGTIJ5Sy85Zz09>