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Dear Selectboard and Constable,

The Division of Marine Fisheries is requesting information regarding your shellfish department's staffing levels and participation in the Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association (MSOA) training course. Notification of all appointments is a requirement of MGL Ch. 130 Sec. 98 and confirms that a person or persons have been given the powers to enforce state shellfish regulations in your community. Only staff that have been appointed as a shellfish constable or police officer can enforce state shellfish regulations. Marine Fisheries relies greatly upon these appointments to provide adequate patrol and management of our shellfisheries to comply with National Shellfish Sanitation Program requirements. For those staff below and those we do not have we request that you provide a copy of their appointment to [dmf.shellfish@mass.gov](mailto:dmf.shellfish@mass.gov) with a subject line of Chilmark Shellfish Officer Information Attn: Julia Kaplan", by April 30, 2022.

Additionally, please confirm when or if your shellfish staff have attended the MSOA training course.

Name	Rank	Appointment Date	Attended MSOA course
Isaiah Scheffer	Constable	No record	2011
William Reich	Deputy Constable 1	No record	2016
	Deputy Constable 2		
	Deputy Constable 3		

The next MSOA training course is scheduled to be held virtually on March 7-24, 2022 with an exam on March 28<sup>th</sup>. This comprehensive course covers shellfish biology, aquaculture, natural resource management, shellfish regulations, and enforcement skills at a minimum. We hope to see some of your staff there as students or instructors. For information on how to participate in the upcoming course, contact Henry Lind at [lindh@c4.net](mailto:lindh@c4.net) by February 25, 2022. For those interested in joining as a member or signing up for MSOA's listserv, please email MSOA member Rachel Hutchinson at [mass.shellfish.officers@gmail.com](mailto:mass.shellfish.officers@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Jeff Kennedy, Shellfish Program Lead

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