

Dear Shellfish Department/Board of Selectmen:

I am writing to ask that you transfer Elisha Weisner's oyster grant in Menemsha Pond to my name, pursuant to a request recently submitted by Mr. Weisner. As you likely know, I have been oyster farming in Katama Bay for the past eight years, but I am in the process of moving to a new home in Chilmark. I am simultaneously asking the town of Edgartown to allow me some time to make the transition, which will allow me the necessary time to sell off my adult oysters and close down my operation in Katama. I will start the Menemsha farm with new oyster seed, and will not relocate any oysters from Katama Bay. I plan to eventually relocate equipment to Menemsha as it becomes necessary for the Chilmark grant.

My goals are simple. I hope to utilize a grant from the Town to continue making a living doing what I love, to produce great oysters, and to assist and collaborate with other Chilmark farmers. Together, we can learn from each other, share successful ideas, and produce great oysters.

Finally, I ask that the Town make this process move as swiftly as possible because Chris Schillaci at the Division of Marine Fisheries indicated that Elisha Weisner's grant will need to be resurveyed by the Army Corp of Engineers (all grants that were approved over two years ago, which grants did not yet receive state licensing, need to be resurveyed by Army Corp of Engineers). From my past experience, this process often takes a long time.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



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