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2017 *Vp* Control Plan Requirements Affecting Commercial Oyster Harvesters

The 2017 *Vibrio* (*Vp.*) season begins on May 21st and runs until October 16th. During this time the commercial harvest and handling of oysters must be conducted in accordance with the 2017 *Vp.* control plan and implementing regulations found at [322 CMR 16.05](#). You can find the [2017 *Vibrio* Control Plan](#) and regulations at the Division's Shellfish Program [Vp. Website](#), as well as links to Harvester and Dealer [Training Videos](#) and a link to online proactive tools for harvesters to further assist in *Vp.* risk reduction.

Vp. Logbooks can be picked up from your local Shellfish Department.

An additional link that maybe useful for aquaculturists, is the Division's [Approved Seed Source and Growers Site](#). This site has an updated list of permitted growers and approved shellfish seed sources.

For more information about aquaculture and *Vp* in Massachusetts, please contact our *Vibrio* and Aquaculture Project Coordinator, Chris Schillaci (508-990-2869 x 135; chris.schillaci@state.ma.us).