

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: July 16, 2008
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Matt Ostrowski, Andre Sampou, Richard Haskell, Les Hemmila
David Pratt

General Public present:

NR Staff present:

Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the July 16th, 2008 meeting of the Shellfish Committee. The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the May 21, 2008 meeting and June 18, 2008 meeting of the committee.

Stuart Rapp and Andre Sampou are assigned to the newly formed Coastal Resources Management Committee. Meetings are held every other Tuesday at 5 P.M. at the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall, Hyannis. This committee has been formed to address the mandates of the Shellfish Overlay District and is currently reviewing the Camp, Dresser and McGee study from 1991. The meetings are open to the public.

Shellfish Propagation

Tom Marcotti informed the Shellfish committee of the progress of the Three Bays oyster propagation Project. Approx. 60,000 seed oysters are being cultured in the Prince Cove Marina flupsys and Marstons Mills River nursery sites. The Shellfish Committee discussed the potential development of "oyster relay areas" if oyster propagation projects are successful in the Three Bays.

Natural Resources planned participating in the DMF contaminated quahog relay program during the Fall of 2008. Certified contaminated quahogs would be harvested from certified areas of Mount Hope Bay and relayed to Town of Barnstable shellfish relay areas for a period of natural depuration before direct harvesting by the public was allowed. Tom Marcotti explained some of the aspects of the DMF contaminated quahog relay program, and proposed the use of the Bluff Point Relay Area (DMF/SC21.20) and a portion of the Cordwood Lane Relay Area (DMF/SC21.21) (both areas located in Cotuit Bay) for the Fall 2008 relays. The Shellfish Committee approved of the contaminated quahog relay project and the designated relay areas.

David Pratt suggested leaving relay areas closed for longer periods to provide for more spawning events from the relayed stock. The Shellfish Committee discussed the development of a summer quahog fishery in the outer Hyannis Harbor area.

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the following proposed pier applications:

Applicant: Thomas S. & Mary E. Olsen

Application: (N.O.I.) Construct and maintain a timber boardwalk and seasonal pier.

Location: 122 Starboard Lane, Osterville, MA. (as shown on Assessors Map 166-110)

Applicant: Cotuit Oyster Company
Application: Request for Plan Amendment, SE3-4095
Location: 26 Little River Road, Cotuit, MA

Applicant: Peter Menounos
Application: (N.O.I.) Replace existing pier, ramp and float with new pier, ramp, float, beach access stair & water access ramp; remove section of existing bank access stairs; revegetate as needed.
Location: 176 Clamshell Cove Road, Cotuit, MA (as shown on Assessors Map 5-31)
The Shellfish Committee approved a motion to send a letter to the Conservation Commission stating the Shellfish Committee's determination that by the Conservation Commission's own regulations the craft described in this N.O.I. needs 30 inches of draft.