

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: January 21, 2009
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Andre Sampou, Gerard Ganey, Matt Ostrowski

General Public present:

John Nawoichik, Chris DiPilato, Thomas George

NR Staff present:

Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the January 21, 2009 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart Rapp announced a notice of an "Open Meeting Law" training session. The training session will be held at Town Hall on February 12th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.. All town boards, commissions and committees are invited.

Natural Resources Report:

Tom Marcotti informed the Shellfish Committee that Dan Horn, the Director of the MEAD, received the committee's written request for Natural Resources to create and utilize shellfish relay areas in specified portions of Popponesset Bay. Gerard Ganey asked if shellfish seed could be transplanted from the Prince Cove Marina flupsy to Popponesset Bay. Tom informed the committee that Jerry Moles, DMF staff, informed Natural Resources that any quahogs (adult or seed) must have a QPX test before being relayed from one body of water to another body of water.

Shellfish Propagation Plans

Stuart Rapp forwarded the discussion of shellfish propagation plans for 2009 to the February 2009 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

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

Applicant: **Robert J. and Susan J. Bothwell**

Application: (N.O.I.) Replace licensed float with new 8' X 18' float; relocate license and maintain bench, hand powered boat lift and kayak rack.

Location: 252 Clamshell Cove Road, Cotuit, MA. 02635

Applicant: **Richard M. & Anna Tocci**

Application: (N.O.I.) Construct and maintain a timber pier, ramp, and float in North Bay.

Location: 80 Great Bay Road, Osterville, MA. (as shown on Assessors Map 093-074)

Andre Sampou informed the Shellfish Committee that the Conservation Commission permitted a motorless "dingy dock" at the pier project site of R. Tocci. Andre reviewed numerous Orders of Conditions that the Conservation Commission issued to the Tocci pier approval. Order of Conditions on the permitted pier include a required bathymetric study of the pier / project footprint, as well as another condition that requires that different classifications of piers are to be color coded for efficient monitoring purposes. Andre informed the committee that construction of a pier cannot begin until all appeals have been addressed and resolved. Andre regretted the loss of valuable shellfish habitat in an area rated 10.

Thomas George addressed the Shellfish Committee and suggested a more equitable way of allowing the commercial shellfishing permit lottery to function. Stuart Rapp suggested that Mr. George put his ideas in writing and submit them to the committee for further discussion.