

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: March 24, 2010
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Gerard Ganey, Matt Ostrowski, Andre Sampou, Richard Haskell

General Public present:

Arlene Wilson

NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit
Matthew Loo

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the March 24th, 2010 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the February 17th, 2010 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Natural Resources Report:

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee that currently there is \$28,710 in the Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund with an additional approx. \$29,000 encumbered.

Natural Resources presented potential shellfish propagation plans and budgets to the Shellfish Committee for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. The proposed plans included the consideration of large quahogs, small quahogs, oysters and scallops. Tom Marcotti discussed various aspects of contaminated quahog relays from out-of-town sources, quahog seed culture, oyster seed culture by NR and purchases of oyster seed and oyster seed from private suppliers.

The Shellfish Committee and Natural Resources reviewed, discussed and determined relay areas in the Three Bays to be used for the Spring 2010 relay of contaminated quahogs from Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) approved sources. Tom Marcotti said that permit applications would soon be filed with DMF.

Doug Kalweit explained some of the details of the "Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project" particularly as it applies to the Town of Barnstable.

New Business: (Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues)

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the issue of compliance with Special Condition #6 of the Francis and Julia Keally's Order of Conditions for an approved pier located at 621 Old Post Road, Cotuit, MA.

Conservation Commission Special Order of Conditions #6 for approved piers states:

6. The applicant shall provide up to \$2,000 to cover the cost of acquiring and planting shellfish seed in the area to mitigate for any impacts from the pier. Acquisition and seed installation shall be done under the direction of the Town Shellfish Constable.

Arlene Wilson represented the Keally's and presented details of her assessment of impacts of the pier on shellfish habitat/resources in the area. The Shellfish Committee approved a motion to send a letter to

David Houghton (Legal Dept.) (and a copy to the Conservation Commission) recommending that the amount of \$1,000 be sufficient to satisfy the requirement of Special Condition #6 with the purchase and planting of the shellfish be at the discretion of the Shellfish Constable.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the application of Nantucket Sound Fish Weirs (off the coastline of Barnstable in Nantucket Sound) for the renewal of their fish weirs permits for five years. The Shellfish Committee approved a motion recommending the Nantucket Fish Weirs be approved for a five year renewal.