

## Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

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**DATE:** April 21, 2010  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** MEAD Building

### **Shellfish Committee Members present:**

Stuart Rapp, Gerard Ganey, Andre Sampou, Richard Haskell, Les Hemilla

### **General Public present:**

Tamar Haspel, Kevin Flaherty, Aaron Hemmilla, Ron Cirillo, Mark Begley

### **NR Staff present:**

Doug Kalweit  
Matthew Loo

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### **Chairman's Report:**

Stuart Rapp chaired the April 21st, 2010 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart informed the Shellfish Committee that he has been attending the Conservation Commission's meetings pertaining to the drafting of regulations for shore "out-haul posts". The Conservation Commission held a public hearing on the out-haul posts draft regulations on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Conservation Commission's next meeting on the draft regulations will be held at 6:30 P.M. on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Stuart informed the Shellfish Committee that he received a letter from the "North Bay Beach Association advocating that their existing 9 out-haul posts at the Bay Street Landing area in North Bay be "grandfathered".

Stuart sent a letter to Town Attorney David Houghton informing him that 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. The Shellfish Committee approved a motion recommending that the amount of \$1,000 be sufficient to satisfy the requirement of Special Condition #6, and the purchase and planting of the shellfish be at the discretion of the Shellfish Constable.

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### **Natural Resources Report:**

- **Shellfish Area Closures**

#### **North Bay Closure:**

**North Bay:** The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of North Bay, northeasterly of a line drawn from Point Isabella to the north tip of Grand Island; north of the Bridge Street Bridge and south of a line drawn across the mouth of the Marstons Mills River (DMF/SC:23.2; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).

#### **Pirate's Cove / Seapuit River (located at Sampson's Island) Closure:**

**Pirate's Cove, Seapuit River:** The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto of that portion of Seapuit River and Pirates Cove in the Town of Barnstable, west of a line north from the "NO

SHELLFISHING” sign at the westerly end of Dead Neck to the “NO SHELLFISHING” sign on Grand Island and east of a line drawn northeasterly from the northeast tip of Sampson’s Island to the “NO SHELLFISHING” sign on the southwest end of Grand Island (DMF/SC:21.2; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).

### **The Cotuit Narrows Closure:**

**Cotuit Narrows:** The waters, flats and all tributaries of Cotuit Bay in the Town of Barnstable, south of a line drawn from Point Isabella to the north tip of Grand Island and north of a line drawn between the two “NO SHELLFISHING” signs (DMF/SC21.1; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).

### **Marstons Mill River and Prince Cove Shellfish Area Closure:**

**Marstons Mills River:** The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto of Marstons Mills River in the Town of Barnstable, south of a line drawn across the mouth of Prince Cove, north of a line drawn across the mouth of the river and westerly of a line drawn northerly from the two “No Shellfishing” signs located at the mouth of Warren’s Cove. (DMF/SC:23.1; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through February 14, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on February 15 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).

**Prince Cove:** The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto of Prince Cove in the Town of Barnstable, north of a line drawn across the mouth of Prince Cove (DMF/SC:23.1; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing May 1 through February 14, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on February 15 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).

- **QPX Symposium**

Symposium on Research of the Epidemiology of QPX in Barnstable Harbor

On Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. scientific researchers will gather to discuss their research in Barnstable Harbor of the organism known as Quahog Parasite Unknown (QPX). QPX is a protozoan parasite of quahogs that can cause slow growth and mortality of quahogs.

The public is invited to attend the symposium which will be held at the Town of Barnstable Selectman’s Conference Room, Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA..

- **Division of Marine Fisheries and Town of Barnstable Shellfish Relay Area Definitions for 2010 Out - of - Town Contaminated Quahog Relays**

## COTUIT BAY

Close April, May, 2010

### Cotuit Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC 21.22)

The Cotuit Bay Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay between the “No Shellfishing” sign / posts located along the shoreline at 884 Main Street extending to the “NR” sign buoys located offshore.

Close May, 2010

### Cordwood Lane Relay Area (DMF/SC 21.21) (including the Cordwood Landing Recreational Shellfishing Area)

The Cordwood Lane Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline within an area between the “No Shellfishing” sign / post located on the shore at 635 Old Post Road and the “No Shellfishing” sign /post located on the shore at 721 Old Post Road to the “NR” sign buoys located offshore.

## WEST BAY

Close April, May 2010

### West Bay Relay Area (DMF / SC 22.21)

The West Bay Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline within an area between the “No Shellfishing” sign / post located on the shore at 116 South Bay Road and the “No Shellfishing” sign /post located at the pier at 52 South Bay Road to the “NR” sign buoys located offshore.

## NORTH BAY

Close May 1, 2010

### Bay Street Relay Area (DMF/SC23.20)

The Bay Street Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and tributaries of that portion of North Bay from the Town landing at Bay Street to the “No Shellfishing” sign / post at the tip of the salt marsh at 237 Seapuit Road and extending to the offshore “NR” sign buoys.

The Shellfish Committee and Natural Resources staff reviewed and discussed contaminated quahog relay areas and closures, shellfish seed propagation closures and informational mapping and signage protocols. Tom Marcotti informed the Shellfish Committee that the Town G.I.S Department has created computerized shellfish information and shellfish closure maps for access online. The G.I.S. Dept. is working to graphically computerize shellfish maps and information for use for public postings as well as for public use online.

Seasonal Shellfish Assistant Matt Loo. Natural Resources Officer Amy Raitto, Americorps member Caroline Walden and volunteers from the Barnstable Association for Recreational Shellfishermen coordinated a “Clamming Class For Kids” held at the Cordwood Landing area of Cotuit Bay on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Natural Resources thanked Wayne Hayes and Scott Mullin for the recent purchase of oyster seed that will be planted at the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area.

The Shellfish Committee discussed revisions to shellfish regulations 407-3:B and 407-3:D which were previously discussed at the November 2009 and January 2010 meetings of the Shellfish Committee. Natural Resources proposed amendments to shellfish regulations 407-12 and 407-13. The Shellfish Committee passed a motion recommending that the proposed amendments be adopted by the Town.

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## **New Business**

### **Shellfish Aquaculture License Renewal Applications**

The Shellfish Committee reviewed, discussed and approved a motion recommending that the shellfish aquaculture license renewal application of Richard Scott Laurie be approved by the Town Manager. Mr. Laurie's shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng001; 2.0 acres). A public hearing for the proposed transfer application will be held on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed, discussed and approved a motion recommending that the shellfish aquaculture license renewal application of Aaron Hemmila be approved by the Town Manager. Aaron Hemmila's shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng025; 2.0 acres). A public hearing for the proposed transfer application will be held on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:15 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

### **Shellfish Aquaculture License Transfer Application**

The Shellfish Committee reviewed, discussed and approved a motion recommending that the shellfish aquaculture licensed sites transfer application from Douglas Campbell to Kevin Flaherty be approved by the Town Manager subject to the authorized determination of compliance with Town shellfish aquaculture regulation 407-58. Douglas Campbell's northside shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng024; 2.0 acres). Douglas Campbell's southside shellfish aquaculture site is located in West Bay (site sg013; 1.22 acres). A public hearing for the proposed transfer application will be held on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

The Shellfish Committee recommends that the applicant transferees of shellfish aquaculture licensed sites attend the Shellfish Committee meeting when their application is on the Shellfish Committee agenda.