

## Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

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**DATE:** May 19, 2010  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** MEAD Building

### Shellfish Committee Members present:

Les Hemmila, Matt Ostrowski, Robert Lancaster, Gerard Ganey, Andre Sampou, Richard Haskell

### General Public present:

### NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit  
Tom Marcotti  
Matthew Loo

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### Chairman's Report:

Les Hemmila chaired the May 19th, 2010 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the April 21st, 2010 meeting of the Shellfish Committee, with the correction of public attendee Ken Cirillo's name.

The Shellfish Committee approved a motion to go into an executive session.

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### Natural Resources Report

Natural Resources presented illustrative maps of shellfish area closures throughout the Town as produced by the Town G.I.S. Dept., as requested by the committee. Tom Marcotti explained the current shellfish area closure status of areas and the different rationales for each closure. The committee reviewed the maps and signage for clarity and public dissemination purposes. Tom informed the committee that the G.I.S. Dept. is working on making the shellfish informational maps all computerized, similar to the existing maps/information as currently available on the Town's website.

Tom informed the committee that the "Outer Hyannis Harbor Relay Area" (DMF/SC27.25) will open to the recreational and commercial harvest of shellfish on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Town is currently performing the relay of 1,575 (80 lb.) bushels of contaminated quahogs to four relay areas in the Three Bays.

Portions of Lewis Bay described below shall be closed to shellfishing June 1st through October 31st, all dates inclusive. The areas shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1st and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.

**2.8 Harbor Bluff, Lewis Bay:** The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto in Lewis Bay northwest of a line drawn from the southern end of Harbor Bluff in the Town of Barnstable to the end of Glenwood Street in the Town of Yarmouth and southerly of a line drawn from the end of Channel Point Road Way in the Town of Barnstable to the end of Columbus Avenue in the Town of Yarmouth. (DMF/SC:28.2; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing June 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.**)

**2.9 Lewis Bay:** The waters and flats of that portion of Lewis Bay in the Town of Barnstable, west of a line drawn from the Town Way at Harbor Bluff in a southwest direction to the Hyannis Yacht Club Pier and east of a line drawn from the end of the stone jetty at Snow's Creek to the "No Shellfishing" sign on the opposite shore. (DMF/SC:28.8; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing June 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.)**

Doug Kalweit informed the committee that Natural Resources will hire two seasonal shellfish assistants for 2010 to assist with various programs including shellfish propagation projects, water quality sampling, shellfishery management and related duties.

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#### **Other Business**

Andre Sampou explained that on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. a “Symposium on Research of the Epidemiology of QPX in Barnstable Harbor” was held at the Town of Barnstable Selectman’s Conference Room, Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.. Scientific researchers gathered 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. Andre updated the committee of various epidemiologic / ecologic aspects of the ongoing research projects.

Andre Sampou and the committee discussed various ecologically beneficial and detrimental aspects of the “hydraulic pumping method” as utilized by the commercial shellfishermen of the Town.

Doug Kalweit informed the committee that he would recommend that a separate “Southside” waiting list be created for applicant’s for available shellfish aquaculture sites. There currently exists a “Northside” waiting list.