

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

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

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Les Hemmila, Richard Haskell, Andre Sampou

General Public present:

Lennie Clark, Conrad Caia, Mark Begley, Kevin Flaherty

NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit

Chairman's Report:

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

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the June 16th, 2010 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Natural Resources Report

The Shellfish Committee and the Natural Resources office reviewed the soft shell clam management closure currently in effect in Broad Sound. Tom Marcotti informed the committee of a recent survey that determined a significant amount of seed (less than 2 inch) soft shell clams currently populate portions of the area.

The Shellfish Committee and the Natural Resources office reviewed the oyster sanctuary management closure currently in effect at Calves Pasture in Barnstable Harbor. Tom Marcotti noted that some of the oyster plantings have diminished due to the harsh winter / spring environmental conditions and that the management closure area will be re-demarcated to a reduced size.

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee of the procedure for processing applicants on the waiting list for available shellfish aquaculture sites.

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee of the status of the Shellfish Propagation Revolving Fund to date. Available: \$88,561, Encumbered: \$8,189 as of July 1st

Bay Street Recreational Shellfishing Area

Natural Resources introduced a proposal to define the Bay Street Relay Area as the Bay Street Recreational Shellfishing Area. The Shellfish Committee and the Natural Resources Office discussed the various rationale for the proposal and recreational and commercial interests in the area. The topic was forwarded to the next meeting of the Shellfish Committee for further discussion and input from the public.

Recreational Shellfishing Harvest Days

The Shellfish Committee passed a motion to recommend the allowance of recreational shellfishing on any day the Town of Barnstable observes a public holiday. The list of holidays as listed in the shellfish regulation book is an exhibit to the minutes.

Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the following proposed maintenance dredging project:

Applicants: Town of Mashpee, MA

Application: Maintenance dredging of the 1916 channel in Popponeset Bay

Location: Popponeset Bay near Meadow Point

Andre Sampou and the committee discussed the Coastal Resource Management Plan that will be coming up for a public hearing and vote by the Town Council that was postponed to September 16th. The moratorium was extended to October 1, 2010.

Other Business

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed shellfish aquaculture licensed site application of Mark Begley. Mark proposed the consolidation of various sites in Barnstable Harbor (including his licensed site) to form a contiguous two (2) acre site to be licensed.