

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: April 20, 2011
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Richard Haskell, Andre Sampou, Matt Ostrowski, Les Hemmila

General Public present:

Norman White

NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the April 20th, 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the March 16th, 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Natural Resources Report:

- **Seasonal MA Division of Marine Fisheries 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/SC:21.1; 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.**).

- **Division of Marine Fisheries and Town of Barnstable Shellfish Relay Area Definitions for 2011 Out - of - Town Contaminated Quahog Relays**

Natural Resources informed the Shellfish Committee of the Spring 2011 Out-of-Town Contaminated Quahog Relays and the practicality of utilizing various established relay areas (listed below) located throughout the Town for the natural depuration of the relayed contaminated quahogs.

Close April 1, 2011

Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area DMF/CCB 31.20

The Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area is defined as: the waters, flats and all tributaries of Barnstable Harbor from the Beach House west of the Scudder Lane landing, to the Barnstable Yacht Club pier, and extending to the Huckins Island tidal flat.

Close April 19, 2011

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 April 19, 2011

Hyannis Harbor Relay Area DMF/SC27.22

The Hyannis Harbor Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Hyannis Harbor between the Hyannisport Yacht Club pier and the pier located at 10 Hyannis Avenue, and from the seaward end of the Hyannisport Yacht Club pier to the offshore sign/buoy located seaward of the pier at 10 Hyannis Avenue.

Close May 1, 2011

Cordwood Lane Relay Area (Northern Portion) DMF/SC 21.21

The northern portion of the Cordwood Lane Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay located within the area defined by the “No Shellfishing” sign/post located on the shore at 721 Old Post Road to the NR “No Shellfishing” sign/buoy located offshore to the green navigational buoy at the southern end of the Cotuit Narrows to the “No Shellfishing” sign/post located on the shore at 797 Old Post Road.

Close May 1, 2011

Bluff Point Relay Area DMF/SC 21.20

The Bluff Point Relay Area is defined as: the waters and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay southwest of an imaginary line drawn from the end of the pier at 124 Bluff Point Drive to a "No Shellfishing" sign/post along the western shore of Cotuit Bay at 996 Main Street, Cotuit Ma.

Close May 1, 2011

North Bay Relay Area DMF/SC23.22

The North Bay Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of North Bay from the pier at 79 Sand Point Road to the pier at 86 Sand Point Road extending to the navigational channel at the northern entrance to Cotuit Bay and to the offshore sign/buoys in North Bay.

• **In-Town Contaminated Shellfish Removal and Relays**

The Natural Resources Office is contracting for the removal of contaminated shellfish (i.e., quahogs) from designated portions of the Bumps River, Centerville River and East Bay. The quahogs are currently being relayed and free planted in the designated relay area as defined below for depuration purposes. Pending testing and certification by DMF, the relay area is scheduled to reopen for harvest on November 1, 2011. Contractors are being paid \$40 per orange tote basket for harvested quahogs. Contact the Natural Resources Office for further information.

2011 Schedule *Draft*
Centerville and Bumps River Contaminated Quahog Relay
MEET AT HAYWARD LANDING

April 27	Wednesday; meet @ 1:30 pm	Matt
May 5	Thursday; meet @ 7:00 am	Matt
May 6	Friday; meet @ 7:30 am	Matt
May 11	Wednesday; meet @ 11:30 am	Matt
May 12	Thursday; meet @ 12:30 pm	Amy
May 20	Friday; meet @ 7:30 am	Amy
May 23	Monday; meet @ 10:00 am	Matt
May 24	Tuesday; meet @ 11:00 am	Matt
May 25	Wednesday; meet @ 11:30 am	Matt
May 26	Thursday; meet @ 12:30 pm	Amy
June 3	Friday; meet @ 6:30 am	Amy
June 6	Monday; meet @ 8:30 am	Matt
June 9	Thursday; meet @ 11:00 am	Amy
June 10	Friday; meet @ 12:00 pm	Amy

For more information, please contact the Natural Resources Office at
508-790-6272 or E-mail:

Matthew.Loo@town.barnstable.ma.us

All dates are contingent upon weather and harvest pressure

Harvest Source: Centerville River, Bumps River, East Bay

Close April 21, 2011

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.

• **Clamming Class For Kids:**

Doug Kalweit congratulated NR staff Shellfish Propagation Technician, Matthew Loo and Natural Resources Officer, Amy Raitto for administering the Clamming Class for Kids program.

Barnstable's Natural Resources Program will offer two FREE shellfishing classes for young people,
Wednesday, April 20th @ 8:00 A.M. at Cordwood Landing, Cotuit
Saturday, April 23rd @ 10:30 A.M. at Cordwood Landing, Cotuit
For more information call Natural Resources during office hours Monday – Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:15 P.M. at 508-790-6272 or direct your questions via e-mail to amy.raitto@town.barnstable.ma.us

Doug Kalweit informed the committee of the Shellfish Propagation Fund budget status.
Expenditures since July 1, 2010: \$55,600 Balance \$103,000.

Doug Kalweit informed the committee of the need for seasonal shellfish assistants to efficiently implement shellfish propagation projects. The Shellfish Committee discussed the issue of increasing the budget for seasonal shellfish assistants and decided to put the topic on the next agenda of the Shellfish Committee.

Delineation of the Hyannis Harbor Relay Area as a Recreational Shellfishing Area Only.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion recommending that the Hyannis Harbor Relay Area (DMF/SC 27.22) be designated a recreational shellfishing area only.

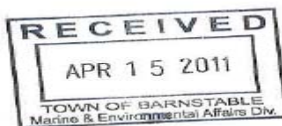
Shellfish Committee Meeting Room Change

The Shellfish Committee discussed moving their monthly meetings from the Marine and Environmental Affairs Dept. to another location for audio / video purposes. The Shellfish Committee decided not to move their monthly meetings to the Town Hall concluding that a microphone could improve the audio quality of the meeting video and maps, records and information are readily available at the MEA building.

Other Business

Stuart Rapp directed that the following letter from Mr. P.S. Bogar be entered into the minutes of the April 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee:

Mr. Stuart Rapp
Shellfish committee
1189 Phinney's Lane
Centerville, Mass. 02632



April 11, 2011

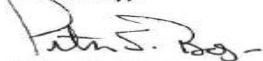
Dear Mr. Rapp:

I am the proud owner of a non-resident shellfish license #13. I was so impressed with Barnstable's shellfish program, especially at Scudder's Lane with oysters that I purchased my license.

I co-teach a class at The Academy For Life Long Learning at 4 C's with Don Bell. Every year we have Tom Marcotti come talk to the class with his excellent presentation.

My question is this: I see that Barnstable seniors get a senior discount on their license fee but non-resident seniors get no discount. Why don't we also get a discount?

Sincerely,


Peter S. Bogar

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