

## Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

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**DATE:** May 18, 2011  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** MEAD Building

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

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

### **General Public present:**

Mark Robertson

### **NR Staff present:**

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

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

Stuart Rapp chaired the May 18th, 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

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### **Natural Resources Report:**

- **Seasonal MA Division of Marine Fisheries Shellfish Area Closures:**

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.

#### Harbor Bluff, Lewis Bay Closure:

**2.9 Harbor Bluff, Lewis Bay:** The waters, 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 the 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.**

#### Lewis Bay Closure:

**2.10 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.**)

- **Year 2011 Proposed Shellfish Propagation Projects**

**Spring 2011 Oyster Seed:** purchase ~1-2+ inch oyster seed (cultured in Barnstable Harbor or Three Bays) from private grower(s) and culture and free plant the seed at the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area or suitable Southside habitat. Disease testing required prior to taking delivery of product.

**Spring/Summer 2011 Out of Town Contaminated Quahog Relay:** purchase 80lb. bushels of contaminated quahogs from numerous suppliers and free plant quahogs at selected shellfish relay areas in the Town of Barnstable.

**Spring 2011 Centerville River Contaminated Quahog Relay:** purchase “tote basket” quantities of contaminated quahogs from numerous suppliers and free plant quahogs at selected shellfish relay areas in the Three Bays.

**Spring 2011 Oyster Seed:** purchase “single oyster seed” (cultured at ARC, Dennis, MA) and cultured at the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area and free plant the seed at selected Habitats in Barnstable Harbor.

**Summer 2011 Oyster Seed:** purchase “remote set oyster seed” (1-2mm, cultured at ARC, Dennis, MA) and culture seed at the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area and free plant the seed at selected habitats in Barnstable Harbor.

**Summer 2011 Oyster Seed:** purchase “single oyster seed” (cultured at ARC, Dennis, MA) and culture at the Marstons Mills River and relay free plant the seed at selected habitats in the Three Bays.

**Summer 2011 Quahog Seed:** purchase R-1mm or R-1.5mm quahog seed (cultured at ARC, Dennis, MA) and culture the seed at the Prince Cove Flupsy and plant under predator exclusion netting at selected habitats in the Three Bays.

**Fall 2011 Quahog Seed:** purchase 15mm+ quahog seed from private grower (ARC) and free plant seed at selected shellfish habitat in the Three Bay Area. (Disease testing would be required by DMF prior to taking delivery of product cultured outside of the Three Bays Area).

**Fall 2011 Scallop Seed:** purchase 30mm+ scallop seed from private grower (Taylor) and free plant scallop seed at selected shellfish habitat in the Three Bays Area. (Disease testing would be required by DMF prior to taking delivery of product cultured outside of the Three Bays Area)

Tom Marcotti informed the committee that a total of 250-300 bushels of contaminated quahogs were relayed from the Centerville River and free planted in selected shellfish areas in the Three Bays.

Doug Kalweit informed the committee of the Shellfish Propagation Fund budget status.  
Expenditures to date: \$60,668.75                      Balance: \$11,128.25

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### **Proposed Seasonal Shellfish Propagation Assistant Budget**

Doug Kalweit discussed with the committee the issue of increasing the budget and number of weeks employed by the Town of Barnstable for both the seasonal shellfish technician and the seasonal shellfish assistants. The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion to increase the seasonal shellfish assistant’s budget for the year 2012.

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### **Recreational Shellfish Licenses**

Gerard Ganey discussed the funds required for a new design of license to include barcode with information of license holders which was estimated at \$15,000 for the software. The committee decided that the technology was too expensive and other precautions can be taken which included presenting a valid drivers license upon request.

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### **Piers, Dredging, and Shellfish Habitat Issues:**

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the following pier application pending:

Applicant:     Cape Wind Associates LLC  
Application:   Shellfish Survey and Mitigation Plan for Lewis Bay  
Location:      Hyannis Harbor/ Lewis Bay, MA

The Shellfish Committee requested that Tom Marcotti gets in touch with Karen Malkus to discuss if boat cleaning at the Cotuit Town Dock has a negative impact on the two relay areas located in the area.

Stuart Rapp discussed the topic on Seasonal Moorings for Commercial Shellfisherman holding Barnstable Commercial Shellfish permits. He found during the summer season fines are given if anchored for a certain period of time verse a lack of fines in the off-season. The Shellfish Committee decided to put the topic on the agenda of the next committee meeting for review and discussion.

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### **Other Business**

Mark Robertson brought up the issue of non-residents buying shellfishing licenses but not having access to the town ways to water without buying \$200 non-resident beach stickers. The committee discussed different suggestions such as creating unique automobile stickers for the recreational shellfishing days. Stuart Rapp asked Mark Robertson to write a letter outlining different suggestions.

Doug Kalweit discussed with the committee future precautions that may be taken to monitor relay sites which included evening patrol officers and video surveillance cameras.