

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: June 15, 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:

Tom George, John Nawoichik, Lenny Clark

NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

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

Natural Resources Report:

• **Out-of-Town Contaminated Relays:**

Tom Marcotti informed the committee that 15,000 bushels of contaminated quahogs were recently relayed to the Cotuit Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC:21.22), the Cordwood Lane Relay Area (Northern Portion) (DMF/SC:21.21), the Bluff Point Relay Area (DMF/SC:21.20), and the North Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC23.22). The contaminated quahogs relayed to these areas were harvested from certified areas of Fairhaven.

In addition, the contaminated quahogs relayed to the Cotuit Bat Relay Area (600 bushels) and the Cordwood Lane Relay Area (680 bushels) will be reopened in September 2011, pending DMF approval. The contaminated quahogs relayed to the Bluff Point Relay Area (600 bushels) and the North Bay Relay Area (600-700 bushels) will remain closed to harvesting until the Fall of 2012.

Tom Marcotti informed the committee that the next out-of-town relays will be relayed to the Outer Hyannis Harbor Relay Area (DMF/SC27.25) and will remain closed to harvesting until the Fall of 2012.

• **Centerville River Contaminated Quahog Relay:**

Tom Marcotti informed the committee that contaminated quahogs were recently relayed by local contactors from the Centerville River to the Bay Street Relay Area (338 bushels) (DMF/SC:23.20). Tom announced that this relay area is scheduled to reopen during the Fall of 2011 pending DMF approval.

Andre Sampou requested the Centerville River Contaminated Quahog Relay reports from previous years for the next agenda.

Tom Marcotti informed the committee that the Shellfish Habitat Site Survey should be completed for viewing for the next agenda.

Doug Kalweit gave an update of licenses in all categories for the Town of Barnstable informing the committee that resident licenses are up by 57, non-resident licenses are up by 20, and seasonal licenses are down by 3.

Doug Kalweit informed the Shellfish Committee of the Shellfish Propagation fund status:

Expenditures to date: \$68,129 Encumbered: \$3,798 Available Budget: \$113,909

- **Seasonal Moorings for Commercial License Holders:**

The Shellfish Committee discussed the proposal for seasonal moorings for Commercial Shellfishing Licenses. Les Hemmila discussed the idea of designating an anchorage area rather than a mooring area. The Committee designed a proposal recommending that commercial license holders be able to anchor their boats at town landings while conducting commercial Shellfishing operations.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion to send the proposal on designated anchorages for commercial license holders to Waterways for review.

- **Proposal to Increase Commercial Permits:**

Tom George submitted the proposal requesting a recommendation from the committee to increase the number of commercial permits. The Shellfish Committee discussed the proposal and did not approve a motion to increase the number of commercial permits to 60.

Other Business

Stuart Rapp discussed with the committee requesting State Representative Atsalis to introduce legislation prohibiting Shellfishing at night. Stuart will make an inquiry at the local representative's office for further discussion on the next agenda.