

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: August 17, 2011
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

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

General Public present:

Norman White

NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the August 17th, 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart Rapp and the Committee discussed shellfishing enforcement, regulations, parking and parking enforcement issues.

Natural Resources Report:

Tom Marcotti updated the Shellfish Committee on the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) emergency management closure in West Bay:

Emergency Closure Status as "the waters, flats, and all tributaries of that portion of West Bay (SC22), Barnstable MA known as "Windmill Cove." This closure is northerly of a line drawn from the closure sign at 100 Carriage Rd. on Grand Island to the closure sign at 45 Little Island Rd. on Grand Island."

The Shellfish Committee discussed the topic of Windmill Cove further focusing on water quality and pollution.

Piers, Dredging, and Shellfish Habitat Issues

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the following pier applications:

Applicant: Desmond & Dorothy Heathwood

Application: Permit and maintain minor deviations to existing pier; add second 8' x 12' float; maintain light and utility connections.

Location: 50 Windrush Lane, Osterville, MA, 02655

Applicant: R Robert & Brenda H Popeo

Application: Construct and maintain a timber boardwalk, pier, ramp, and float; clear and maintain a pathway. to the boardwalk.

Location: 120 Carriage Road, Osterville, MA, 02655

Applicant: F Paul Broyer

Application: Construct and maintain a pier, ramp, and float.

Location: 26 Short Beach Road, Centerville, MA, 02632

- **2011 Significant Shellfish Habitat Rating Study**

The Shellfish Committee viewed and discussed the recently completed 2011 “Significant Shellfish Habitat Rating Study” data and maps.

The Shellfish Committee approved motions to accept the “Three Bays” and “Barnstable Harbor Mainland Shoreline” Significant Shellfish Habitat Rating data and maps as produced by the Natural Resources Sub-Committee to the year 2000 Pier Committee and submitted to the committee on August 17, 2011.

The Shellfish Committee approved motions to send letters to the Conservation Commission requesting the commission adopt the “Three Bays” and “Barnstable Harbor Mainland Shoreline” Significant Shellfish Habitat Rating data and maps as produced by the Natural Resources Sub-Committee to the year 2000 Pier Committee and submitted to the committee on August 17, 2011, and use the data and maps for regulatory purposes.

- **Seasonal Moorings for Commercial License Holders**

The Shellfish Committee discussed the issue of seasonal moorings/anchorages for commercial shellfishing license holders at the Town Landings.

Shellfish Aquaculture Grant Renewal Application

The Shellfish Committee reviewed, discussed, and approved a motion recommending that the shellfish aquaculture grant renewal application of Paul Hamblin be approved by the Town Manager. The applicant’s shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (site ng046; 1.05acres). A public hearing for the proposed transfer application will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman’s Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

Other Business

The Shellfish Committee discussed a reported observation of shellfish aquaculture license activity beyond the grant boundaries near Little Huckins Island. Natural Resources staff said they would check the shellfish aquaculture sites.