

Sept 13, 2016

Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting

Called to Order: 5:06 Members present: Dave Flattery, Bob Hazard (Sec), Nancy Ann Meads (Chair) , and Lory Santos (Chair).

Also Present: Steve Wisbauer (Shellfish Constable).

Public Comments: None

Previous Minutes: Motion by D. Flattery, Second by B. Hazard to accept June 7 Minutes. Vote 4-0 approve.

March 8 minutes was not reviewed as copies were not available for meeting.

Old Business:

- **Constable S. Wisbauer Update:**
 - ***Copy of Shellfish department summer update:***
 - ***ADA mooring block replacement: At the moment three marker buoys have broken free but luckily have been recovered. Stainless hardware grinding against galvanized mooring staples has been determined as the cause. All six of the mooring blocks are being replaced. Forms have been built and concrete will be poured in the next few weeks using stainless steel staples to secure the buoy hardware.***
 - ***New intertidal leases: Most of the applications have been approved and many approvals are in possession of propagation permits at this time. While tedious, the process went well and future applications will find a streamlined process in place. One of the major hurdles was that NHESP (Massachusetts natural heritage and in danger species program) mandated that no work proceed until they receive additional information and a fee of \$1800. The Town of Provincetown has taken a stance to encourage aquaculture and approved the payment of this fee from the shellfish budget. I was able to have 20 acres approved from NHESP for future expansion. Grant application #106 from Lory Santos did not pass the biological survey due to eelgrass. Massachusetts division of Marine fisheries requires the public process to be repeated. New GPS numbers are before you today.***
 - ***Recreational shellfish propagation: This year, with \$5800 of additional state funds, the Town acquired breeder clams for a contaminated relay, remote set spat on shell oysters and 250k 1.5mm seed oysters. The seed oysters spent the***

summer protected in the upweller and had survivability but uneven growth. They have now been deployed in to the area that received the remote set. I am very excited to say that the new oyster beds started

- **Recreational Shellfish Regulation:**
 - After reviewing regulation and Lower Cape Town Shellfish fees. Motion by B. Hazard, Second by D. Flattery to accept regulations and have it submitted to board of Selectmen. Vote 4-0 approve.
 - After discussion of fees a weekly \$25 permit during open season was added. This would be available to non-residents. Motion by B. Hazard, Second by D. Flattery to accept regulations addition. Vote 4-0 approve.
- **Other old Business:** Green crab, Moon snail and Oriental crab (new guy replacing the green as prevalent) predators were discussed.

New Business:

- **L. Santos grant application location change:** The chair recused herself and left the room. Motion by D. Flattery, Second by B. Hazard to accept revised location of Grant 106 due to eelgrass on original site. Vote 3-0 approve.
- **Request from Alex Brown for license renewal:** Discussed that A. Brown has been an active shellfish grower for many years. Motion by D. Flattery, Second by N. Meads to approve 5 year renewal. Vote 4-0 approve.
- **Any other new business:** This years Recreational Clamming schedule and location is as follows; Open Nov 4th in area by west end parking lot, on Dec1st the East end from Alerton to town line is added and in Jan Hatches harbor(need National Seashore acceptance for) location. The season will close on March 26th. All locations are conditional on water test results. Motion by B. Hazard, Second by D. Flattery to accept as stated. Vote 4-0 approve.

Next meeting Oct 12th.

Motion to Adjourn: by B, Hazard, Second by D. Flattery to adjourn at 6:00. Vote 4-0 approve
B. Hazard, Secretary