

Dec 3, 2013

Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting

Called to Order: 5:00: Members present: John Baldwin, Mel Cote, Bob Hazard (Sec), Rick Macara (Vice Chair), Lory Santos (Chair) and Nancy Ann Meads

Also Present: Provincetown Shellfish Constable Tony Jackett, Banner reporter Ann Wood, John Santos and David Flattery

Public Comments: None

Previous Minutes: Motion by M. Cote, Second by B. Hazard; to accept Nov 5 Minutes. Vote 4-0 approve.

Old Business:

The letter of intent send by L. Santos to Superintendent Price of National Seashore to harvest no more than 10,000 lbs. of surf clams off of Herring Cove Beach has been acknowledged with a response which encouraged any shellfish propagation activity and to be in favor of diving for surf clams.

The next step is to submit surf clam plan to selectman meeting on Jan 21 and include ADA grant applications for approvals.

The location of assigned grant sites will be submitted to IT dept. They will be made available online. The assigned plots will allow open adjacent average for future expansion.

Constable's Report:

Recreational clamming at west end last Sunday estimate 45 ->50 and for Friday 25 ->30 people. Activity was limited by tide and sunset times. At Hatches opening Sunday 4 ->5 were seen.

New Business:

A meeting at the State House with Rep. Sarah Peak, Tony Jackett, Lory Santos and MA DMF director Paul Diodati to discuss allowance of vertical lines and floating gear on the ADA. Turo Shellfish Advisory member Scott Lindel presented an NOA report showing that no entanglements of Right Whales or sea turtles have been reported in the ADA or similar areas.

Paul Diodati responded by Email on Nov 27 to Tony stating the DMF will allow floating Oyster-Gro devices in the ADA as a pilot program with certain conditions. They include; the removal of all vertical lines during winter(mid Jan) thru early spring (end of April) right whale season; slack lines to be sheathed to minimize turtle wrap potential; vertical lines conform to large whale

take reduction standards in terms of breaking strengths and marking; and we not issue any more leases until evaluation of the pilot program's first year of operation.

Four shellfish applications presented by Tony were reviewed by the SAC.

Motion by M. Cote, second by B. Hazard to accept the applications of Kathrin Burns, Richard Silver, Beth Tasha & David Flattery and Robert & Alisa Burns. Vote 5-0

Three members will term out on the end of December: Rick Macara and Nancyann Meads terms will expire and are renewable but John Baldwin has reached the maximum number of consecutive terms; which leaves an opening on the committee.

Motion by M. Cote , second by B. Hazard to change N. Meads status from alternate to active member on Jan 1. Vote 5-0

Next meeting Tuesday Jan 7.

Motion to Adjourn: by M. Cote, Second by B. Hazard. Vote 5-0 to adjourn at 6:00.

B. Hazard, Secretary