

**Feb 4 2014**

**Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Called to Order:** 5:05: Members present: Bob Hazard (Sec), Rick Macara (Vice Chair) and Nancyann Meads.

**Also Present:** Provincetown Shellfish Constable Tony Jackett and David Flattery.

**Public Comments:** None

**Previous Minutes:** Motion by B. Hazard, Second by R. Macara to accept Jan 7 Minutes. Vote 3-0 approve.

**Old Business:**

At the joint meeting of Provincetown (represented by only two members) and Truro shellfish committee Scott Lindell presented NOA recommendations for entanglement avoidance. Topics discussed were: brake-away requirements for floating gear needs to be similar to gillnet at 1100 lb., vertical line markings should be in middle vrs. three places, using paint for marking lines and the fact that there is no slack in floating gear.

On the basis of Scott Lindell's communications on behalf of P'town/Truro growers Dan McKierland, Deputy Director of DMF sent to T. Jackett an E-mail listing seven license holder requirements.

1-Detailed schematics must be furnished to DMF.

2-Four corner shall have five foot sleeve.

3-From Jan.1 to May 15 a single buoyed line to gear on bottom is allowed.

4- Vertical lines from May 16 thru Dec.31 shall have breakaway of 1100lbs.

5. Lines greater than 25 ft will be marked in middle.

6 All protected species entanglement must immediately be reported to Center for Costal Studies.

7. DMF may change provisions if necessary.

**Shellfish constable report :**

Tony Jackett to schedule public hearing with BOS on March 10<sup>th</sup> for approval of shellfish grant applications previously reviewed by shellfish advisory committee.

On the west end, recreational clamers are still able to get a bucket with a bit of work. At Hatches, steamers and little necks are available if looking in the right spots.

**New Business:**

The Surf clam relay funding that was to come from an organization that Parker had found, is not working out. Estimated cost of diving phase is \$2000.

Next meeting Tuesday March 4

**Motion to Adjourn:** by B. Hazard, Second by N. Meads. Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 6:06.

B. Hazard, Secretary