

Provincetown Shellfish Committee Meeting Tuesday March 4, 2014, Center for Coastal Studies

Meeting Called to Order 5:03

Members present: Lori Santos, Chair; Mel Coté, Rick Macara; Ex Officio, Tony Jackett, Shellfish Constable, Owen Nichol, Center for Coastal Studies advisor.

Public attendees: Ann Wood, David Flaherty, John Santos.

Public Comments : None

Minutes of Feb 4,2014, not reviewed.

**Old Business:** Owen Nichols noted that Scott Lindell is preparing a proposal to obtain funding to test lines and techniques used for shellfish propagation for the safety of marine life, such as whales and turtles.

Mel Coté made a motion to ask John Santos to explain a schematic for laying out oyster cages using special sinking lead core ropes and sinking pot warps to secure floating equipment. The motion passed three to zero . John made the presentation showing the ropes and answering questions from the committee.

Minutes from the meeting of the Truro Shellfish Committee on January 23<sup>rd</sup> attended by Lori Santos. Were distributed. These included a list of conditions under which the ADA rules could regulate floating and other gear which will be presented to the Division of Marine Fisheries for consideration.

Rick Macara made a motion to modify our ADA regulations to allow up to a two acre allotment if a need, such as space for floating gear . Mel Coté seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of two to zero with Lori Santos abstaining because of possible conflict of interest.

Lori Santos asked if the relay of sea clams proposal will have the funds to carry it out. Tony Jackett said that there may be funds available in the revolving fund he has for propagation.

A Charter paper outlining the Mission and authority of the Shellfish Committee was presented by the chair. It was read and approved by the committee.

**New Business:** Tony noted that after the town meeting he will come up with a packet to present to the Board of Selectmen for approval then schedule a public hearing hopefully on April 14 to make the change in the regulations of the ADA from one to two acre allotments.

Next meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5.00 PM at the CCS.