

Minutes Provincetown Shellfish Committee

June 16, 2015

Meeting call to order at 5:10 PM

Rich Macara, David Flattery, Lory Santos

Also in attendance Owen Nicol and John Baldwin

No public comments

Minutes May 5, 2014

David moved to accept the minutes as presented and Rick seconded. All approved.

Discussion of shellfish bonds

We can potentially get up to \$10,000.00 of coverage for the same cost as the \$250.00 for \$100.00. We need to have the Selectmen change the wording the regulations. We would mirror the changes that Truro has made in their regulations to be able to do the same. It was discussed if multiple people could be on one policy. Lory said she will call Kaplansky and ask about options. David moved to table the discussion until the September meeting. Rick Seconded. All approved.

Report on the wording of the new regulations. We will visit this as well at the September meeting. Bob not in attendance and Stephen said they would be more finalized. David moved to have public forum in September and a vote on them in October. Rick seconded. All approved.

Stephen reported he has 250,000 1.5 mm clams in the upweller. They are very happy there. He is getting positive vibes from the public regarding the shellfish industry in Provincetown.

Stephen reported about the cultch he is placing out in the harbor. David applauded Stephen for his efforts on going to the Con Com to create to cultch sites with 3 yards of shells in to two places one east and one west of the breakwater.

ARC gifted us 500,000 surf clam seed also going into upweller.

DMF knows we want to have Johnson Street conditionally approved for shell fishing. This will take 2-3 years to get approved.

We can try to get a hatcher permit but it must be land based. Shell fishermen could buy as a group, grow the seed, and return to the buyers.

Stephen spoke about a planning grant for a coop. The Pier Corp would like a coop.

Diving on shallow water for placement of another ADA has not happened yet

New Business

Contaminated clam relay is postponed until October and will be placed west of the west end breakwater.

We had an ADA buoy lost in Truro that marks the ADA. Stephen is going to work with someone to reinstall it.

Some questions regarding shell fishermen not in there designated area. There was a complaint to DMF. This has been rectified. The grower's gear was dragged by the ice and is back in correct position. There has been some confusion about the grant locations as there were two methods folks were using. The GPS coordinates need to be converted to degrees, decimals, and minutes.

There is an area in front of the Harbor Hotel that is not part of any area. There was a family taking the clams. They were confiscated. Do we shut the area down? We need more consistent regulations.

Next meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2015 5 PM

Meeting adjourned 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lory Santos, Chair