

Nov 1, 2016

Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting

Called to Order: 5:05 Members present: Mel Cote, Dave Flattery, Bob Hazard (Sec), Rick Macara (Acting Chair).

Also Present: Steve Wisbauer (Shellfish Constable), James Staniscia (General Public) and Theo Cormay (General public).

Public Comments: J. Staniscia asked committee to consider; a discussion about cultch on grants, how you go about promoting aquaculture and how to move forward with grower cooperation. R. Macara commented these subjects will come up in the constable update.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of March 8 meeting were not available for review. We could not review Oct 11 minutes as we do not have the required three members from that meeting..

Old Business:

Constable S. Wisbauer Update:

- ***Copy of Shellfish department Nov. update:***

Recreational shellfish season:

BOS opened the season via consent agenda on October 24, 2016.

West End set to open Nov. 6th and an outer boundary marker will be in place by opening day.

Survey of East End found band with a few sporadic Quahog towards shore and oysters setting on the

few suitable areas in quantity. Survey of the deeper areas found significant quantities of both large surf

clam and varied sizes of Quahog. This resource is only accessible on a significant low tide or using

waders and basket rake. An informational flier will be produced prior to the area opening on Dec. 15.

Water sampling at Hatches Harbor has changed conditionally approved status of area to "open".

Resource survey to follow.

Recreational Regulations, Aquaculture grant renewal and revisions:

Rescheduled for the Nov. 14, 2016 BOS Meeting.

Reclassification of Designated Shellfish Growing Area CCB4.1:

Greg Sawyer at DMF has been reminded of the request and additional information regarding remediation projects has been provided. By the next Shellfish Committee meeting, we should have a

definite plan and timeline from him.

East End Signage:

- A sign has been placed at top of stair to the East End flats stating to that the area is closed to shellfishing.

New Business:

- Downweller on Bennett Pier: S Wisbauer presented his recommendations to use pier for downweller which included; estimate cost of pier repair and cost of five downweller modules (Phase 1). This package to be funded by a CIP request for \$20,000. R. Macara commented that the pier was donated to town by John Bennett.

Motion by M. Cote, Second by D. Flattery to permanently name this the John E. Bennett Memorial pier. Vote 4-0 approve.

- Preparation for joint meeting; BOS, Pier Corp, Harbor and Shellfish committee on Nov 29:

Motion by D. Flattery, Second by M. Cote to have S. Wisbauer prepare presentation.
Vote 4-0 approve

Next meeting Dec. 13

Motion to Adjourn: by D. Flattery, Second by M. Cote to adjourn at 6:05. Vote 4-0 approve
B. Hazard, Secretary