

**Provincetown Shellfish Committee  
Veterans Memorial Community Center  
2 Mayflower Street  
Room 93  
Provincetown, MA 02657  
October 11, 2016  
5 PM**

Shellfish Committee Meeting Agenda Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:11

In attendance Mel Cote, Lory Santos, Stephen Wisbauer, Nancyanne Meads, and David Flattery

Alfred Famiglietti, James Staniscia, Theo Cormay, and Dave Straznipskas

Public Comments (5 minutes) Theo and Jamie discussed the asian crabs that are killing their seed. They expressed a desire for a community/municipal upweller.

Minutes of Meeting March 6 and September 13 Dave moved and Nancy seconded the approval of the minutes of September 11 all in 4-0-0.

Minutes still unavailable for March 6

**Old Business**

Recreational Shellfish Season update

October 24 public hearing for Selectman to approve the shellfish area for 2016-2017

Discussion of the three areas do we still want to go with the three year rotation

Do we want to plant more seeds

Additional signage is needed to discourage illegal taking of shellfish. There has been some poaching incidents.

The consensus is that we would like to boost areas that are weak

Licenses going on sale October 25, 2016

Gauges are available at Town Hall and people should be encouraged to purchase one as the new regulations require having one

Shellfish Constable Update--see attached

Any other old business

David asked about the reclassifying the area for shellfishing in Provincetown could be considered old business. Yes it is. Stephen has sent another letter to the state. It seemed like we were put on a back burner. We want whole area open conditionally...Greg Sawyer is the new person in charge of reclassifying. This would

open the whole area from West End Parking lot to MacMillan and to Johnson Street where the oysters are growing. The oysters growing there will help to move the process along. This will also mean the ability to winter over in the harbor.

## **New Business**

Town policy recommendations for commercial shellfish/ aquaculture  
BOS wants to promote aquaculture. How far do we want to go with the increasing grants and promoting of aquaculture in our harbor.

November 29, 2016 there will be a joint meeting of Harbor Committee, BOS, Shellfish Committee, and Pier Corporation to discuss aquaculture, promotion, and economic development. For example, would growers like to have a day once a month to sell their shellfish to the public through a licensed reseller. Also, where do we want to go in regard of shellfishing commercial and recreational if economic stimulus money was available what would we suggest wanting to do with the money in regards to shellfishing.

### **Cultch in tidal flats**

Lory brought up concerns about the amount of cultch that could be put on an acre in the tidal flats to promote growth of oysters. Based on the formula of allowing a 1" layer on the entire acre. If you put it on 10% of the acre it would be 135 yards of cultch up to 9" thick. What would happen to the flats for folks that like to walk them, is there an environmental impact, what if the grant owner gives up the grant can he/she just walk away and leave it there. We have new people requesting intertidal grants, do we limit the number of grants that can have cultch, do we put a moratorium on those allowed to use cultch?

Lory suggested that we wait for the two years to add any more to the test site that Stephen has started to see what develops in the quantity of oysters in the area.

### **Any other new business**

Nancyanne expressed real concern about the Army Corps of Engineers proposal to break a hole in the breakwater and build some kind of walking bridge for people to continue to access Long Point. We need to follow up on this. The west side of the breakwater is our most productive shellfish site.

Next meeting will be November 1 at 5 PM at a location to be determined. Lory will not be at the meeting so Rick will need to chair. She will make sure Rick knows.

Mel moved David seconded all approved to adjourn at 6:40 PM. All approved.