

Oct 2, 2018

Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Committee Meeting

Called to Order: 5:00 Members present: Alex Brown, Bob Hazard , Dave Flattery, Rick Macara, Nancy Ann Meads and Lore Santos (Chair).

Also Present: Steve Wisbauer (shellfish Constable), Owen Nichos (Center for Coastal Studies), Charles Foltz , George Hitchcock and Dave Straznitskas.

Approve Minutes of June 5, Jan 3 and Sept 11:

Motion by D. Flattery, seconded by N. Meads to approve simultaneously. Vote 6-0 approve.

Public Comments:

- A. Brown expressed concern about unleashed dogs roaming on aquaculture grants as both a sanitary and dog safety issue.
- G. Hitchcock commented that he partnered with C. Foltz have put in an application for a grant. Plan to grow oyster and maybe edible seaweed rooted in the sand.
- O. Nichos gave a QUE 2 update; commented East Harbor assessment revealed rich nutrients no signs of dead fish.

Old Business:

- **Signage Town Landing:** Shellfish related signage to be submitted to harbor committee as overall signage is part of harbor plan. L. Santos to go to their next meeting. Safety considerations include reducing commercial vessel wake damage to small craft, moored boats and working grant farmers etc.
- **Shellfish Constable Report:**
 - Pre-season recreational clamming date Oct 7 at east end.
 - This seasons Clamming licenses are now available
 - Relayed clams and oysters tested good by DMF.
 - 100k large oyster seed broadcasted west of west end breakwater.
 - Constables Oct 2 update to attached to minutes.
- **John Baldwin Memorial Nursery:** At John Bennett pier; this part should be added. To be presented at BOS meeting.

New Business:

- **Missing oyster bags:** Two people recently reported disappearance of oysters Fred F. missing two bags and A. Brown lost four bags that were removed by lifting cage. Most likely stolen as suspicious boat with bright light seen in area the previous night. Shellfish constable to see about putting 24 hour IR camera on area.
- **Old stuff on grant area:** Volunteer Cleanup program during winter to be planed.

Motion to Adjourn: by B. Hazard, Second by A. Brown to adjourn at 6:06. Vote 6-0 approve
B. Hazard, Secretary

Shellfish Department October 2, 2018 update:

2018-19 Recreational Shellfishing Season Set to Open • On September 24, 2018 the Select Board approved the opening of this years recreational shellfishing season. The specifics are described in the attached map. • A “pre” traditional season day is scheduled for the East End area on Sunday October 7, 2018. • This year’s licenses are back from the printer the printer and available for sale. • MA DMF labs have tested the meat from both the quahog and oyster relays and the results are clean.

Shellfish Nursery

- Volunteers helped broadcast over 100k large oyster seed west of the West End breakwater. We still have smaller quahog and oyster seed that will be used to propagate the area labeled on maps as CCB2-Hatches Harbor.

CONCOM: Notice of intent for the large historic aquaculture area in the cove • It appears we have come to an agreement with NHESP: Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program regarding Roseate and Common Turn staging areas. Please see the attached edited map.