

May 14 ,2019

Regular monthly Provincetown Shellfish Committee Meeting

Called to Order: 5:04 pm

Members present: Alex Brown, Bob Hazard, Rick Macara , Nancy Ann Meads and Lory Santos(chair).

Also present: Steve Wisbauer(Shellfish Constable),Owen Nichos (Center for Coastal Studies), and Ted Cormay.

Public Comments:

Approve minutes: Motion by A. brown, seconded by R. Macara to approve minutes of 4/9/19.

Vote 5/0 approve.

L. Santos commented that copies of minutes for 3/5/19 will be available at next meeting.

Old Business:

- Shellfish Constable Report:

Shellfish Department May 7, 2019 update:

1. Conservation Commission:

- We are waiting on a date to be on the Conservation Commission's agenda for our NOI

2. DMF Bio Surveys:

- We are scheduled for June 5th with rain/extra day on June 6th

3. Oyster Relay from Johnson Street:

- Need volunteers this Thursday May 9th at 8:30 am and Friday June 7th at 8:00 am
- Relay must be completed by June 15th and few possible negative low tides

4. Breeder Clam Relay:

- A total maximum of 200 bushels is permitted this year for “west end” and “East of the Breakwater”
- 100 have already been trucked in and broadcast / 100 to be scheduled
- Mix of smaller sizes this year. The resource is slowly becoming depleted

5. Floating gear and bird deterrents:

- At the 2019 Northeast Shellfish Sanitation Association Annual Meeting, New York State presented findings after studying the effects of bird congregations on floating aquaculture gear
- Adverse fecal contamination impacted both animals in floating gear as well as the are surrounding (adjacent farms)
- The power point with deterrent designs can be found here:
https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/04/25/D.Barnes_Day%202020_Bird%20Congregations%20on%20Floating%20Aquaculture%20Gear.pdf
- MA DMF will be investigating possible bird deterrent regulations but intends to look at the situation on a case-by-case basis. Public hearings will be held before any regulations are brought forward

6. Lighted Marker Buoys:

- Waiting on a price quote for 8 buoys
- Hope to deploy 4 on the east side of the west end intertidal grants as well as 4 along the deep side of the Provincetown 25 acre ADA
- Price will determine timeline
- **Surveillance Camera on shellfish grants:** Must find stable platform and location for camera, maybe coastguard pier will do. Santos will persist in getting info.
- **Cleanup of flats:** Owen spoke for L. Ludwig.

- **Bennet Pier and Baldwin Hatchery:** S. Wisbauer presented proposed signage for pier which included graphic diagram of downweller system.
- **Any other old business:** None

New Business:

- **Report from members re: Economic Development Forum.** D. Flattery, B. Hazard and L. Santos attended meeting as individual shellfish aquaculture's. Comments were made for ;branding, needed buyer sources and general value of shellfish growing.

Any other new business:

- There is a vacancy for committee alternate. B. Hazard needs to renew his term before June BOS meeting for their approval.

Next meeting: June 4

Motion to Adjourn: by A. Brown, seconded by N. Meads to adjourn at 6:15 PM. **Vote** 6-0 to approve

B. Hazard, Secretary