

Shellfish Committee

March 2, 2010

Meeting called to order 5pm.

Present members; Alex Brown Chair, Mel Cote, Paul Tasha, Nancy Meads, Shellfish Warden Tony Jackett, Owen Nichols: MFI-CCS, Bob Hazzard public observer.

1) meeting called to order

2) Minutes of Feb 2nd, were read, amended, and approved by a vote 3-0.

Owen Nichols announced that the Center for Coastal Studies will receive a 2010 Sustainable Community Grant in collaboration with John Baldwin a shellfish farmer, Tony Jackett, the shellfish warden for the towns of Provincetown and Truro, the Provincetown and Truro Shellfish Advisory Committees, and the Provincetown and Truro Boards of Selectmen. Owen Nichols will be the project leader, Henry Lind, the technical advisor.

The project will officially begin May 1st 2010 and end May 31st 2011. The project will provide technical information to the towns of Provincetown and Truro to enable them to identify subtidal areas suitable for aquaculture development in terms of water quality, habitat type and conditions and existing uses. The mapped and recorded information will enable potential local shellfish farmers to obtain the necessary data and receive licenses for propagation from the town for sites in the designated and state approved Aquaculture Development Areas.

4) The towns printed shellfish license does not include mussels. A motion made by Alex Brown to add mussels and seaworms to the license printed regulations. It was seconded by Mel Cote and the vote was 4-0.

5) Beach clean-up is still tentative date of May 1st. Help from Americorps and public volunteers will be sought. Details will be solidified by April 6th meeting.

6) Paul Tasha reported that the area sea clam seed resource seemed under the attack by a large number of moon snails. Paul made a motion to further research the idea of natural resource enhancement by predator reduction by finding a suitable site, and designing a suitable study that might attract funds. The motion was seconded by Mel Cote and approved 4-0.

7) At 6:10 a motion was made to adjourn meeting by Alex Brown, Seconded by Nancy Meads and voted 4-0.

8) Next meeting will be held at 5pm on April 6th at CCS.

Submitted by Alex Brown -Chairman

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