

Sept 8, 2015

Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting

Called to Order: 5:00: Members present:, Mel Cote ,Dave Flattery, Bob Hazard (Sec), Rick Macara (Vice Chair) and Lory Santos (Chair).

Also Present: Provincetown Shellfish Constable Steven Wishbauer and Owen Nichlos, Center for Costal Studies Liaison.

Public Comments: None

Previous Minutes:

May 5 minutes: Motion by D. Flattery, Second by L. Santos to accept April 14 Minutes with modification of GPS position to degrees decimal minutes. Vote 3-0 approve.

Old Business:

- **Shellfish Bonds:** It was stated that we could buy a five year\$10,000 compliance bond for \$100; fee would be charged per grant user acreage to cover bond. The required bond change in the Provincetown Regulations for Aquaculture Licenses was submitted by S. Wishbauer included two other changes.

Motion by D. Flattery, Second R. Macara to postpone final review of updated regulation until next meeting. Vote 5-0 approve.

- **Diving to check viability of inner water ADA:** R. Macara reported diving has not yet been done by him and John Baldwin. S. Wishbauer offered to take them out on Town boat if needed. L. Santos also offered the use of a boat. It was agreed that it would best be done while water is still warm.
- **Constable Report:**
 - ADA list of grant holders status: S. Wishbauer is continuing update on Excel. List includes ADA grantee and application for propagation permit.
 - Upweller status: Oyster growth good, Hard Shell Clam seed growth poor and Surf clams died out.
 - Shellfish grants revoked: The two grantees were informed in writing by Shellfish Constable.
 - Constable reported regulations for summer surf and mussel clamming is unclear. Copy of published shell fishing rules issued last year to licensee was presented

by M. Cote. It was noted that these may disagree with regulations online. S. Wishbauer to investigate history with T. Jackett.

- This seasons recreational shell fishing will be on the east side of the west end break wall. The license will have a waterproof coating.
- ADA info:
 - Regulations allow fishing in the area; in some cases fishing hooks and lures have caught on clamming gear.
 - Divers early in season saw many live sand eels on the bottom later after warmer water the bottom was covered with many dead sand eels. Low O₂ is suspected. This also may explain early good oyster growth on bottom followed by poor results later (slow growth in two out of three bags with one all dead).

New Business

- Date for opening recreational shellfish season:
 - Sunday Nov. 1 opening is conditional on a successful DMF test result in mid Oct. Opening will be revisited in Oct committee meeting.
- O. Nichols mentioned the availability of partnership grants from New England Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (Northeast SARE). For further information about this; the link is <http://www.nesare.org/Grants/Get-a-Grant/Partnership-Grant>.

Next meeting Tuesday Oct 13

Motion to Adjourn: by D.Flattery, Second by M. Cote to adjourn at 6:00. Vote 5-0
B. Hazard, Secretary