

June 4 ,2019

Regular monthly Provincetown Shellfish Committee Meeting

Called to Order: 5:00 pm

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

Also present: Steve Wisbauer(Shellfish Constable),Laura Ludwig (Center for Coastal Studies), Wendy Loughlin, Jamie Staniscia and Ted Cormay.

Public Comments: none

Approve minutes 3/5/19 & 5/14/19: Motion by A. Brown, seconded by D. Flattery to approve minutes with spelling correction added. **Vote** 6/0 approve.

Old Business

Shellfish Constable Report: Shellfish Department June 4, 2019 updat

- John Baldwin "Memorial": •
 - Life Celebration June 21 at Old Colony Tap. 4:00pm
- Baldwin Nursery Sign:
 - • Sign is with edits from last meeting and will picked up next week.
- Conservation Commission
 - The Conservation Commission has approved our NOI's. As one of the contingencies for the west end flats a plan to study terns must be accepted by NHESP. We are working on a 2nd draft of the plan.
- DMF Bio Surveys: •
 - We are scheduled for tomorrow June 5th at 7am.
- Oyster Relay from Johnson Street: •
 - Need volunteers this Friday June 7th at 8:00 am.
- Breeder Clam Relay Completed: •
 - 176 bushels have been broadcast on the transplant sites. This year's quahog relay is complete.
- Lighted Marker Buoys:
 - Working with a diver, we have located 3 missing mooring blocks.
 - Still gathering gear and will deploy 4 on the east side of the west end intertidal grants as well as 4 on the deep side of Provincetown 25 acre ADA.

Surveillance Camera on shellfish grants: L. Santos commented that she had not heard back from Coast Guard about using their pier to locate.

Fast Ferry Route to MacMillan Pier: Route without significant wake only works on some boats. Harbor Master needs to respond by adding marker for route turn; which might help. This will be mentioned to Harbor Committee.

Cleanup of flats: L. Ludwig requested we set a date for cleanup of West end to point flats area. Date set for Aug 6th. Volunteers will meet on 9:00am at rotary.

Any other old business: None

New Business

Big animals on flats: Horses have been observed on flats near aquaculture grants. The flats are not a safe area for them as there are many half hidden moorings, gear and other obstructions which could cause a horse to stumble or fall. Another major concern is that their droppings have been confirmed to be a shellfish contaminate. Gale Force stable has been advised.

Gulls on Gear: Floating gear can be a resting spot for gulls or other sea birds; their dropping can cause serious shellfish contamination. A simple device can be added to floating gear which prevents bird landings was mentioned by J. Staniscia.

Any other new business: There is a vacancy for committee 2nd alternate. Discussion revealed that committee could elect a member at this time. **Motion** by B. Hazard; **second** by A. Brown, to elect W. Loughlin as Committee alternate. **Vote** 6-0 to approve. Town Clerk is to be made aware of our vote by L. Santos.

Next meeting: Sept 10.

Motion to Adjourn: by A. Brown, **seconded** by N. Meads to adjourn at 6:00 PM. **Vote** 6-0 to approve.

B. Hazard, Secretary