

Provincetown Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting: March 6, 2012

Present: Members :Paul Tasha, Rick Macara, Chair, Alex Brown, Mel Coté. Absent: John Baldwin, Nancy Meads. Shellfish Warden, Tony Jackett, Henry Lind, Shellfish consultant, Beth Larsen, PCCS liaison.

1. Call to order at 5 05 PM Minutes of Feb 6 were read and accepted, 4-0.
2. Warden's report. Tony Jackett reported a good season as because of the good weather, many people came out and the stock held up. The season will close on March 31. Arrangements will be made to obtain seed and re-lay stock in June to mid June.
3. Henry Lynn reports that the Truro shellfish committee have asked the selectmen for input regarding lease sizes and other matters regarding the Aquaculture Development Area and will have a hearing at the next meeting.
4. He had some suggestions regarding regulations including sites outside of the ADA area and language included that defined proper gear as being consistent with the whale reductions team goal of zero whale take. There is also language necessary defining responsibility for the removal of unused gear and the possible need for a bond amount per acre leased.
5. Alex noted that we need to update our regulations without completely re-writing them and note the differences between intertidal and deep; water grants. He made a motions that "We should add the necessary regulations for the ADA to our present regulations " rather than start from scratch. The motion was made by Alex and seconded by Paul and approved 4-0.
6. Due process for decisions will be noted and there is some question about residence requirements to be defined.
7. Additional discussion concerned the idea that shellfish are not the only aquaculture products that could be pursued on the grants. Products like edible seaweeds, edible fish, and bait fish were mentioned and also that the Cape Cod extension service regarding economic development could be of help.
8. Paul Tasha wanted to note that the Mill Pond still had not enough water flow to encourage eel migration and habitat.
9. Rick made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 seconded by Alex, approved 4-0.
10. Next meeting will be held March 20th to review regulations.
11. Accepted 4-0 Special meeting, March 20