

## Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021 6PM

### Zoom Meeting

Attended: Rebecca Taylor, Tom Siggia, Zack Dixon, John Duane

Absent: Damian Parkington

Others in attendance: John Tansey, Jordan Halloran, Martha Craig, Justin Lynch, Sonya Woodman, Melissa Lowe, John Mankevetch, Barbara Brennessel, Odinga

Rebecca Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:36PM

### **Minutes of September and October Meeting**

J Duane made motion to approve minutes of September 17, 2021 meeting. R.Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 4-0.

T. Siggia made motion to approve minutes of October 8, 2021 meeting. J. Duane 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 4-0.

### **Herring River Update - Martha Craig**

M. Craig gave an update on where the project is and the progress on the permitting process.

She mentioned the Wellfleet Harbor Conference on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> between 10-11:30 AM.

### **LT Road Access to Wild Fisheries – Road Repair**

S. Woodman gave an update on the road to Silver Spring Harbor (road has no name). A very deep hole as a result of tide water. Bumper deep on many trucks.

Autobon ( owner of property) proposed a repair of gravel to the conservation commission which was denied . M. Lowe ( MA Autobon) will meet with her HQ team and decide next steps.

This is important road for our wild shellfishing community. R Taylor informed Melissa the SAB would support to fix road with a letter if needed.

**WSD – J. Mankevetch**

**Green Crab Studies – Ideas to deal with increased population**

J. Mankevetch discussed that there appears to be an uptick in green crabs. He will review traps being used and will update B.Brennessel ( conservation commission) to ensure traps are not hurting our turtle population. John will also inquire with shellfish community and DMF to understand actions they might be using.

**SPAT Collection Devise 7.15.3**

**The use of spat collecting devices such as Chinese hats to catch oyster larvae in areas not licensed for aquaculture, may only be done by commercial permit holders who also hold a seed permit (section 1, definitions) . During this period, catching oyster larva with such devices is legally considered to be fishing, not farming and the devices are classified as fishing equipment, not growing devices. All devises used in collection of spat must be tagged with the name of the grant holder and phone number. From time to time, upon receiving a recommendation from the Constable, the Selectboard may vote to limit the areas in which such fishing is allowed or the numbers of Chinese hats or such devices that may be set out by individuals in these same areas.**

**T.Siggia made motion to add the above clause to regulations, Z. Dixon 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor 4-0.**

**Shellfish Management Plan – There was no discussion.**

**Curley Report**

J.Duane made mention that the NRAB has been working on Harbor Study. They are working to get on a future Selectboard meeting to review. John will advise SAB of when the NRAB plan to present .

**HDYLTA Plan –**

R. Taylor commented on the request the Select Board made to the SAB. We will host two meeting with community to discuss plans. Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> were set, both starting at 6PM. T Siggia will send out note to participants by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Grant Boundaries Plan**

We have till February 1<sup>st</sup> to recommend plan to Select Board.

**Next SAB Meeting – December 28<sup>th</sup> 6PM**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm**