

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2022 7:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting – Senior Center and Zoom

Attended : Rebecca Taylor, Tom Siggia, Karen Johnson, Ethan Estey ,Damian Parkington, Stephen Pickard, Zack Dixon, John Duane, Nick Sirucek

Others in attendance: Nancy Civetta, Peggy Jennings, Kristen Barrio, William Barrio, Rodney Avery, Ginny Parker, Toby Storer, Alfred Pickard, Ben Pickard, Ralph Bassett, Beth Gibbons, David Slack, Dwight Estey, Paul Wittenstein, Ryan Curley, Sheila Avery, Nora Clark-Jennings, Helen Miranda Wilson, Dave Seitler, Richard Blakely, Brad Morse, Diane Brunt, Chloe Starr, Rick Sawyer, Barbara Austin, Nancy Kunik, Berta Bruinooge, Lisa Dexter , Evan Bruinooge, Jude Ahern

Certificate of service and thank you to Jim O'Connell and Jake Puffer for their service on the SAB. – were not in attendance

Review and approve meeting minutes – September 14, 2022

T Siggia made motion to approve minutes as written, E. Estey 2nd , all in favor 7-0

DMF feedback on MA hatcheries and seed production

N.Civetta reported the issue with extending line pass New Jersey border is a concern of DMF. Could bring another strain of Vibrio (Vulnificus). Also reported that DMF is administering another 1.67M Grant Program for seed projects up to 100K.

Regulation 7.8.2 (b) Combination Aquaculture, Research and Development revisions and vote (Nick Sirucek)

R. Taylor recused herself from discussion. N. Sirucek will be allowed to vote

After a long discussion and input from both the board and the community, S. Pickard made motion to take no action, K. Johnson 2nd, all in favor 7-0

Shellfish Department:

Vote to change the last sentence of 7.22 because it requires a public hearing due to the fact it is grant related.

7.22 Hydraulic Harvesting of Shellfish from Grant Areas

The use of hydraulic harvesting gear for the purpose of harvesting shellfish from within the boundaries of a licensed area is permitted under the following conditions and with the following restrictions:

A.) Devices used shall be for the hosed ejection of water under pressure into a shellfish bed.

B.) Pressure pumps shall not exceed five (5) horsepower as rated by manufacture.

C.) Noise control device (i.e. muffler) shall be in place and in good repair at all times.

D.) Not more than one device may be used on any grant at any time.

E.) Hours of operation shall be between 7:00am and ½ hour before sunset.

F.) The Shellfish Constable shall have the authority to direct an individual involved in the use of such equipment to cease and desist if the constable feels that there is a problem that necessitates such action. Any individual so ordered shall have the right to appeal the Constable's decision, once duly advertised, at their first scheduled meeting after the service of such order.

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K.Johnson made motion to approve changes, R. Taylor 2nd, all in favor 6-0, 1 abstained

Review and approve Review of 2nd page of appeal process for 7.22 once above change is voted on.

K.Johnson made motion to approve, E. Estey 2nd, all in favor 7-0

Change town annual report to be MADMF annual report along with the propagation permit application which will count as a one year business plan. Add 10 year business plan to be submitted at grant renewal (per request of some shellfishermen who did not like redundancy of reporting)

T.Siggia made motion to approve the above change as written, K. Johnson 2nd, all in favor 6-0, 1 Abstained.

Report back from ConsComm meeting re: New HDYLTA grant

N.Civetta reported the conservation commission had concerns with the above grant. Sand could be an issue. The grant is a ¼ acre with a stream running through it.

R.Taylor made motion not to recommend a grant at this time, S. Pickard 2nd, all in favor 7-0. A letter will be written to BOS.

Future topics: Beach Nourishment, Annual Fees, Grant Lottery

Meeting ended at 8:50 PM. Next meeting is November 14 at 6PM at Senior Center