

Shellfish Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022 7PM

Virtual/Zoom Meeting at COA

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

Absent: Zack Dixon

Others in attendance: Paul Wittenstein, Nancy Civetta, Helen Miranda Wilson, Rick Sawyer, Ryan Curley, Ginny Parker, Dwight Estey, Chloe Starr, Beth Gibbons, Diane Brunt, Barbara Austin

Rebecca Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:06PM

Certificate of service and thank you to Barbara Austin, Jim O'Connell and Jake Puffer for their service on the SAB.

R. Taylor thanked B. Austin for her 20 years of service and 15 years as chair. She served from 1999-2019. Jim and Jake could not attend and will receive their certificates at a later date.

Minutes of June 22, 2022 Meeting

T. Siggia made motion to approve June 22 meeting minutes as written, K. Johnson 2nd, all in favor 6-0.

Review and discuss 2nd page of appeal process

N. Civetta reviewed appeal requirements for regulations 6.1.2, 7.8.2, 7.13.3 and 7.22

K. Johnson made motion to accept 6.1.2 as written, E. Estey 2nd, all in favor 6-0

K. Johnson made motion to accept 7.8.2 as written, E. Estey 2nd, all in favor 6-0

T. Siggia made motion to accept 7.13.3 with amended wording as discussed,

K. Johnson 2nd, all in favor 6-0

K. Johnson made motion to take no action on 7.22, E. Estey 2nd, all in favor 6-0

Alternate locations for shellfish pickup during Vibrio season

S.Pickard discussed with dredging of harbor the pier is being used more frequently. Is this causing any concerns with harvesters and dealers. N. Civetta spoke with the state . They do not recommend any changes. Dealers are moving down the pier to get away from crowds. Harbormaster has not received any complaints. Will continue to monitor in future. No action taken.

Over fertilizing, pesticides in harbor

R. Taylor asked if any other committees or departments are taking any action or seeing any change in water quality in harbor. H.Wilson stated it would be difficult to take any action in this area. T. Siggia will reach out to Center for Coastal Studies, Wellfleet Health Department, NRAB, Herring River project to understand if anyone is seeing any change to water quality, codium growth, etc

Issues related to research and seed production in harbor

N. Sirucek stated a concern of oyster seed. He is seeing a lack of supply, orders coming in late or not being delivered at all. Are Hatcheries having issues? He also asked can Wellfleet promote seed production. Discussed the potential of adding Upwellers to our harbor . N. Civetta will reach out to DMF to determine if they are having a concern in this area.

R. Sawyer (ARC) stated that it is not a seed issue, it's a nursery concern. They need areas to grow out their supply.

Future Topics: Beach Nourishment, Green Crabs, Fee Structures, grant lottery, speed limits in key areas, Annual reports, Reg 7.2.2, Sea level rise (grant gameplan), research and seed production (changes in regulation discussion)

Next SAB Meeting is October 19, 7PM at COA

R Taylor made motion to end meeting at 9:03Pm, T Siggia 2nd, all in favor 6-0

