

Shellfish Advisory Committee Minutes October 24, 2013

Present: Chairman Matt Mayhew, Warren Doty, Denny Jason, Wayne Iacono, Isaiah Scheffer, John Larsen, Steve Broderick, Tim Broderick and Jonathan Mayhew.

Start, 5pm: group conversation about start date for commercial scallop in Quitsa Pond and Menemsha Pond.

5:15 Warren makes motion to open commercial scallop Nov 1 in Quitsa Pond only, opening Nov 18 Menemsha Pond, closing all Dec 31 with a set limit at 2 struck bushels. Matt seconded the motion, all in favor.

Conversation started between group about the oyster season in TGP.

5:22 - Warren made motion to open commercial oystering in TGP Dec 2, Mon, Tues, Wed; no culling close to shore with a 3 struck bushel limit. Matt seconded the motion. All in favor.

5:25 - Denny made motion to open family oyster at 1/2 bushel limit, Nov 1; 1 day/week Wayne second all in favor.

5:30 Isaiah S. talked to everyone about the MV Shellfish group needs two representatives to raise funds. All were hopeful that a group who provides us with so much seed will not be overlooked.

Isaiah S. then brought up that the Islands certified water tester who is paid by the state, job is potentially going to be cut by the state leaving the island with extended periods of water closures.

5:45 A long talk commenced about trying to get commercial scallop participants to help move seed from the more densely set areas in Quitsa pond to Menemsha pond, in the past large seed sets only a few of the commercial fisherman did the work and all prospered, in a hope to get more effort from everyone.

6:05 Matt M. Made a motion to move seed from Quitsa Pond and all dredge by catch,(excluding flounder and other small fish etc.) to menemsha pond seed sites while fishing Nov,1. Till Nov, 18 with the incentive if the 2014 scallop season opens early all participants will be able to fish early, a day of moving seed for a day of fishing, 5 day maximum. Motion was seconded and all were in favor.

6:17 meeting ended

Matthew Mayhew

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