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Shellfish Committee Minutes - Meeting 9/30/15

Agenda: Recreational and Commercial Start Dates

Present: Isaiah Scheffer, Wayne I, Warren D, Denny J, Carston L, Scott L, John L, Matt M

Start time: 5:05pm

Isaiah, Shellfish Constable, spoke of a late scallop seed set in Menemsha/Quita Pond with a limited amount of eel grass in Quitsa Pond, not allowing for the set to grow large enough and thus potentially postponing the opening of both recreational and commercial scallop seasons.

5:20- Matt M made a motion to postpone recreational scallop season opening to November 1, 2015 with a half bushel limit. Motion seconded by Wayne I. All in favor.

5:22- Denny J made a motion to open commercial scallop season on November 16, 2015 with a two bushel limit. Motion seconded by Matt M. All in favor

5:25- Denny J made a motion to change the commercial limit from two crowned bushel boxes to two struck round shrimp baskets. Motion seconded by Wayne I. All in favor.

5:35- Matt made a motion to open recreational oyster fishing in Tisbury Great Pond on the 17th of October with the limit remaining status quo at half a bushel. Motion seconded by Denny. All in favor.

5:37- Denny made a motion to open commercial oystering in Tisbury Great Pond on the 2nd of November with the limit set at two struck round shrimp baskets.

Warren D conversation began regarding shellfish constable's part-time summer helper. Isaiah would like to extend hours for the employee to continue through the shoulder seasons. This will help with setting spat collectors and other shellfish gear early in the season and the removal of gear late in the season as well. The Shellfish Committee recommends the approval of this proposal in order to maximize the shellfish propagation potential. Isaiah is currently putting together this proposal for town approval.

5:55- meeting adjourned.

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