

Shellfish Committee Meeting Minutes- Recommendations to the Chilmark Board of Selectmen

September 20, 2018 5:05PM

Non committee members present: Karsten Larsen, Stephen Larsen, John Larsen and Isaiah Scheffer

Committee members present: Elizabeth Lewenberg, Wayne Iacono, Dennis Jason Jr, Mathew Mayhew and Warren Doty

Commercial/ Recreational Bay Scallop Season 2018/19

1. Matt Mayhew motioned for a family dip net area in Nashaquitsa Pond off of Clam Point. Liz Lewenberg second. Vote was unanimous.
2. Matt Mayhew motioned that the commercial scallop season in Nashaquitsa should start on November 12, 2018. This will be from the outside of Quitsa Pond west to the town line and all interior areas of Quitsa and Stonewall Ponds excluding eelgrass restoration sites. Dennis Jason Jr seconded. Vote was unanimous. Discussion of how to delineate open and closed areas will be the same as last year and the responsibility of the shellfish constable.
3. Matt Mayhew motioned that the commercial scallop season in Menemsha Pond should start on December 3, 2018. Denny seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Other Discussion:

Karsten Larsen wants to fish for oysters in Squibnocket Pond. It was decided that both Isaiah and Karsten would launch a boat in at Squibnocket to explore a potential commercial season.

The committee wants a report from the shellfish constable on Tisbury Great Pond (TGP) before setting any recommendations for a commercial season. Algae blooms throughout TGP may have had caused some mortality. The shellfish constable will go drag for oysters in TGP and report to the Shellfish Committee.