ORLEANS SHELLFISH & WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Attendance: Cecil Newcomb (Vice Chairman), Marty Leonard (Secretary), Bill Mitchell, Jack Moran, Mark Matheson, David Slack.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Dawson Farber and Dave Dunford had other engagements and could not attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Mitchell stated that the herring run count was up from last year. Last year's total was 108 herring and this year's count was 183.

The herring run get together was a success with a good turnout. Dana Eldredge was there and gave a talk on the herring migration and what it was like when he was a boy. This year we ended up with around 90% attendance for the count period. Bill believes that next year we should have seven teams. Each team would be assigned to one day of the week. Bill thinks people will be less likely to forget their counting period which will be the same as this year, a ten minute count time in the designated 1.5 hour period of the day.

Awards were presented to certain people at the get together. Everyone that participated in the count will receive a certificate stating so.

Mark asked Cecil when his term on the committee expires. Cecil stated that his, Tim's and Marty's terms end next month and all three will be retiring. Dave wondered who will fill these vacant slots. Cecil knows of one applicant who is doing the paper work now to apply. Bill thinks he knows of at least one person who would be interested in joining. Officers will be appointed at September's meeting. If any member knows of anyone who is interested in signing on, they should get in touch with Judy for more information.

Dave thinks that the Pleasant Bay Estuary should undergo a study to find out why there are no wild shellfish that are propagating there. Bill is also wondering why

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the oysters in mill Pond are not propagating. They are large enough and old enough to do so. Cecil mentioned that Juvenile mussels have attached to pot lines outside. He scrapes off what he can and brings them in and dumps them in Nauset Harbor to help the mussel fishery there.

Bugsey saw and reported to the authorities that a boat had capsized and swamped at Nauset inlet. Some people take a big chance leaving and entering the inlet when the tide is too low to do so.

Cecil mentioned that the Town Cove ramp is not completed yet. They were still working on the rebar. The River Road and Meeting House Landing piers have not been completed either.

Dave wanted to mention that Chip Lemoine asked him if we had any pull to get the Paw Wah Pond River dredged. Cecil replied that he should come to the next meeting and ask Dawson if that would be possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting will be held on September 14 in the Skaket Room at 7:00 PM. Please bring agenda and minutes and notify the chair if you cannot attend.

After 8 years as a member, and 5 years as secretary, it saddens me to have to leave this committee. I will miss you all.

Respectfully submitted, "for the final time":

Marty Locard

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