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Orleans Shellfish & Waterways Improvement Advisory Committee

Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Attendance: Don Bakker (Chairman), Mark Mathison (Vice-chair), Judy Scanlon, Bill Mitchell, Jack Moran, Rich Tyldesley, Phil Peterson, David Slack, Dawson Farber (Shellfish Constable & Harbormaster) Dave Dunsford (Selectmen Liaison)

Don brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The minutes were accepted as written.

Dawson gave his report: red tide counts at Nauset have been trending downward. Three consecutive clean samples are required to reopen the estuary. If DMF requires testing of soft shell or quahog tissue samples, reopening might be delayed.

Completed bids for the Rock Harbor floating docks are expected back by the first week of July. Bids are also out for 250,000 quahogs and 300,000 oysters. The permitting process is ongoing for the River Road launch ramp. DEP is requiring soil samples which are causing some delay. Fall/winter construction is anticipated.

Nauset Inlet is very shallow, not navigable 1 ½ hours either side of low water and then only in calm seas.

8 to 10 million disks were released down the Merrimack and are showing up all over in spite of cleanup efforts.

The two new CG boats are presently limited to 2 FT seas and 15 KTS wind max. Presently some rescues may require summoning a helicopter.

Judy brought up that Julie Winslow, a previous member of the Committee, passed away one week previous from a rare form of sarcoma. She would like help and a trailer to remove the Whaler at some point.

Phil, sitting in the audience, announced that he will be leaving again on the 17th. He may be back in Sept. or perhaps not for 6 months and may have to concede the secretary position. He is associated with the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society (as seen on Animal Planet).

Bill Moran announced he will not seek reappointment.

Don said we have six functioning members and three vacancies. Some names of possible replacements were mentioned

Dave Dunsford said many town committees were experiencing member recruitment difficulties.

Rich asked about what past issues the Committee had dealt with. Dawson said the Committee had been very involved in writing the grant regulations as well as reacting to other issues that arise.

Judy opined that the Committee needed a project "to sink its teeth into".

Don led discussions as to who might head the committee going forward. It was tentatively agreed that Rich might chair with Judy as co chair. Decision to be made in September.

There was some discussion about the URI horseshoe crab count. Bill said only one crab was counted by Mrs. Parra's house. David Slack said crabs were very plentiful on the other side of the Pochet channel and that huge areas with many crabs were closed to harvest for any purpose and Jay Harrington could further elaborate. Bill pointed out he was not implying any lack of crabs in the Bay.

Judy reported that her research on the 'ambassador program' didn't yield much information fitting with the Committee's purposes.

he meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Slack". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "David Slack".

David Slack

