

Orleans Shellfish & Waterways Improvement Advisory Committee

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Minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2012

In attendance were Rich Tyldesley (Chair), Mark Mathison Vice-chair), Howard Steilen, David Slack, Dave Dunford (Selectmen Liaison) & Dawson Farber (Shellfish Constable)

There not being a quorum, there was no official meeting nor could the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

Rich said we would meet informally for a half hour or so to trade information for further discussion at future meetings.

Dawson said the entire Nauset Estuary is closed due to Red Tide. This year high levels were detected earlier and rose faster than in previous years. He also mentioned that, unlike previous years, extraordinary numbers of oyster drills were showing up at the Mill Pond oyster site.

Rich distributed copies of a Falmouth proposal to experiment with oyster production to mitigate high nitrogen levels. Discussion ensued relative to scientifically provable results, funding, public education, predation, fouling, etc. All agreed more information was worth pursuing. Dawson & Rich will talk to their counterparts in Falmouth for more detail.

Respectfully Submitted,

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