

**STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING**

06 July 2007

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at a town meeting room at 808 Stonington Road. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Desbonnet, Secretary, Ms. Tessa Getchis, Mr. Alan Banister, and Mr. Donald Murphy, Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 11:38AM.

BUSINESS

1) Termination of Co-Management Agreement CMP-04-02/06

- a) Mr. Murphy reviewed the situation at hand: an oversight on behalf of the Noank Cooperative resulted in a lapse in the status of their co-management agreement with the commission, and the agreement has expired. New policies and procedures have been adopted since implementation the agreement, and co-management has been replaced with a license agreement which must undergo a formal process of application. All were in agreement that this was the case and that Noank Cooperative would have to submit an application for the grounds previously used under co-management.
- b) The commission reviewed its' Management Plan, specifically with regard to the guidance on "Termination" of a co-management agreement. After discussion of the intent of the Management Plan with regard to the current situation, it was agreed that Noank Cooperative remove all shellfish product from town managed bottom covered by the expired co-management agreement, with the following stipulations:
 - i) No new product is to go onto the grounds defined in expired Co-management Agreement CMP-04-12/06;
 - ii) One-hundred and twenty (120) days are granted by the commission as a fair and reasonable time within which to remove all shellfish product remaining on the expired co-management grounds;
 - iii) Noank Cooperative must submit an application for a License Agreement if it wishes to use Town of Stonington bottom for aquaculture purposes, and must undergo the same process and procedures as any other applicant.
- c) Ms. Getchis made a **motion** that Mr. Murphy send a letter to Noank Cooperative stating the above stipulations. Mr. Banister made a second to the motion, which was unanimously approved.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Getchis made a **motion** to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Banister. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Desbonnet; Secretary