

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

27 JUNE 2007

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at the Stonington Human Resources Services Building. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Ms. Tessa Getchis, Mr. Donald Raffo, and Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Raffo to accept the minutes of the 09 May 2007 meeting, as amended. Mr. Banister made a second to the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Changes to minutes:

Business Item F) delete "to evaluate animals for potential disease"

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) A letter dated 11 May 2007 from Dawn McKay, CT DEP, to Mr. Murphy re: Natural Diversity Database Application review.
- 2) A letter dated 18 May 2007 from Alan and Anne Bentz, residents of Lord's Point, to Mr. Murphy re: public access to recreational clamming areas near Lord's Point.
- 3) An electronic mail letter dated 21 June 2007 from Steve Plant, Connecticut Cultured Oysters LLC, to Mr. Murphy requesting an extension of the co-management agreement at Murphy's Point or conversion from co-management to a license.

BUSINESS

1) Conditional Shellfishing Areas

- a) Areas A and Outer Quaimbog Cove were closed 1-4 May, open 5-18 May, closed 19-25 May, and open 26-31 May. Area B was closed for the entire month of May per Memorandum of Understanding.
- b) Mr. Murphy will respond to Ann and Alan Bentz regarding public access to recreational clamming areas. The Bentz' are concerned about access, parking and dumping of waste on private property. The new handout will state, "Shellfish harvesters are advised not to cross public property to access approved clamming areas"
- c) A suggestion was made to change the name of "Outer Quiambog Cove" to "Area C" to avoid confusion. The Commission will discuss this issue at a later date.
- d) A motion was made by Mr. Raffo to reimburse Mr. Murphy for shellfish-related purchases and travel in the amount of \$419.37. Mr. Banister made a second to the motion, which was unanimously approved.

2) Purchase of Shellfish

- a) Mr. Murphy will ask the warden to pursue purchasing \$3000 worth of clams for seeding the recreational areas. These funds were allocated at a previous meeting.

3) Scallop Activities

- a) The DEP Natural Diversity Database review was approved. The DEP stated that the scallop project should not impact any known state-listed species that may occur at nearby Barn Island
- b) Public notice for DEP Structures, Dredging and Fill permit has not yet occurred.

4) Enforcement

- a) There is a small problem with the boat. The plug is leaking, and tube is not sealed. Mr. Motherway is taking care of the issue.

5) *Summary of Commercial Activities*

- a) Mr. Murphy will respond to Mr. Plant regarding the request by Steve Plant for an extension of the co-management agreement at Murphy's Point or conversion from co-management to a license. The commission has considered the request, however, the co-management process no longer exists. There is an established public process for a new lease application. The Commission will encourage Mr. Plant to apply immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

none

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Raffo made a motion to adjourn the 27 JUNE 2007 meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission. Mr. Banister made a second, which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tessa Getchis, Acting Secretary