

**STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**09 May 2007**

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at the Stonington Human Services Meeting Room at 166 South Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Don Raffo, Ms. Tessa Getchis,; Acting Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Banister to approve the 04 April 2007 Regular Meeting minutes with two minor amendment (change “*at* trench” to “*a* trench” in Correspondence 5) and (change DEP to DA/BA in Correspondence 1). Mr. Raffo made a second to the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter dated 10 April 07 from Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) Central Processing Unit to Mr. Murphy re: receipt of application package and application fee for Structures, Dredging and Fill (SDF) permit for scallop enhancement project.
2. A letter dated 18 April 07 from Department of Army to Mr. Murphy re: review and granting of permit for scallop enhancement project pending all other state permits.
3. A letter dated 19 April 07 from Peter Francis of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) Office of Long Island Sound Programs (OLISP) to Mr. Murphy re: requirement for Structures, Dredging and Fill (SDF) permit.

**BUSINESS**

- 1) *Conditional Shellfishing Areas* – Areas A, B, and Outer Quiambog Cove were open on 01-04 April, closed 05-25 April, open 26 April, and closed 27-30 April. Area B is closed as of 1 May as per the Memorandum of Understanding.
- 2) *Equipment* - The boat seat purchased for the warden’s boat has been replaced with the correct size and Warden Motherway will install it this weekend.
- 3) *Enforcement*- Patrols are ongoing by foot.
- 4) *Stonington Community Education Program* - Don Raffo will represent the SSC at the Como on 15 May at 7pm. He will bring information on recreational shellfishing programs for both Connecticut and Rhode Island. Mr. Raffo will also request that a “no shellfishing” sign will be posted at Sandy Point.
- 5) *Update on the Scallop Enhancement Project in Little Narragansett Bay* –
  - a) Structures, Dredging and Fill (SDF) permit was submitted in early April, but has not received temporary authorization.
  - b) There has been no response from the DEP as to the Scientific Resource Assessment to be done.
  - c) Department of Army Permit was approved pending all other state permits are approved.
  - d) Mr. Murphy spoke with Mike Payton of DEP Boating Safety Division. The commission is required to install four informational marker buoys around the perimeter of the gear field.
  - e) A motion was made by Tessa Getchis to delay the implementation of the scallop enhancement project to take advantage of the best opportunity for scallop spawning. Mr. Banister made a second to the motion, which was unanimously approved.
  - f) Mr. Murphy will communicate this decision to The Nature Conservancy.
- 6) *Summary of Commercial Activities* – Ed Bridgeman reported very little work (5 bushels harvested) in Little Narragansett Bay.

**NEW BUSINESS**

none reported.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Raffo made a **motion** to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Banister. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.  
Respectively submitted,

Tessa Getchis, Acting Secretary