

**STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**04 November 2009**

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at the Human Services Building. Members present were Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Alan Banister; Acting Secretary, and Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Minutes for the October meeting were not acted on.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. There was no correspondence to record.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Conditional Shellfish Areas:

- a. Rainfall during the month of October was 5.27 inches and closed shell fishing areas for all but a week during the month. Areas A and Outer Quiambaug were open on November 5, 2009.
- b. There were still questions about the boats in Area B and that area is not open yet because there are several sailboats in the area. Mr. Murphy stated that he would contact the Mr. Lou Allyn to see if the boats can be removed from the area.
- c. License protective pouches have been tested by the Warden and all failed the water test. We will continue to look for waterproof or tight alternatives for licenses.
- d. There will be no restocking of Area A and Outer Quiambaug this fall because Hillard Bloom, Inc. was unable to provide depurated clams due to the recent rainfall. We will wait until the temperature gets to 50°F in the spring. The Warden will make the arrangements with Hillard Bloom, Inc.

2. Equipment and Enforcement:

- a. The Shellfish boat has been hauled and is being winterized by PMW and will be stored at Don's Dock and covered with a Commission tarp.
- b. Mr. Murphy said new signs would be necessary for closure/open of shellfishing areas. Mr. Banister agreed to find vendors that have been used by Harbor Management.

3. Meeting Schedule for 2010:

- a. Mr. Murphy polled the Commission members and found the fewest conflicts with the first Monday of each month. Meetings will convene at 7:00 pm at the Human Services Building on the first Monday of the month in 2010.

4. Scallop Enhancement Project update:

- a. Mr. Murphy will write to David Carey of Bureau of Aquaculture to find out how to get seed scallops for next year.
- b. CUSH data was distributed from their summer monitoring program.

5. Dock Applications:

Keith Neilson of Docko Corp. introduced two applications before the Commission:

- a. Application by Philip Lahrman #200802472-MG. The Commission had no comment.
- b. Application by Mauricio Pages #200802098-MG. The Commission had no comment.

6. Commercial Activity:

- a. Steve Plant said things have slowed down, and there was not much to report.
- b. Steve and Jim indicated a willingness to take the Mrs. M to investigate the availability of clams. Mr. Murphy will draft a letter granting permission.
- c. Mike Theiler is taking his boat to Maine for November for repairs but does want to harvest in Stonington waters.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was discussion of Steve Plant being the Commission Secretary but there seems to be too much of a possible conflict of interest and that idea was dismissed. Mr. Murphy said he would inquire about hiring a secretary for the Commission.

There being no further business, Mr. Raffo made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Banister and approved unanimously at 7:58.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald L. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" at the beginning.

Donald L. Murphy, Chairman