

STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

4 March 2009

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, Mr. John Swenarton; Acting Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Raffo to approve the 4 February 2009 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Banister made a second to the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email from J. Citak (DA/BA) to D. Murphy dated 10 Feb 09 re: amended Jurczyk dock application extending the time dock can stay in the water (Apr 1 – Nov 30).
2. Fax transmission from D. Lamoureux (DA/BA) to D. Murphy dated 3 Mar 09 re: high sample count at station 12.6 on 25 Feb 09.

BUSINESS

- 1) *Conditional Shellfishing Areas*
 - a) All conditional areas opened on 7 Feb 09 and remained opened through February. Sampling on 25 Feb 09 yielded good results with the exception of Station 12.6. Correspondence with DA/BA staff stated resampling not necessary because results were below 31 cfm/100 mL.
 - b) New permits to be ordered from AGJO at a cost of \$345.50. A **motion** to allocate funding for this amount was made by Mr. Bannister, seconded by Mr. Raffo and approved unanimously.
 - c) A report from Dave Motherway indicated that clam stocking was needed in Area A. Mr. Swenarton noted that Mike Theiler was actively clamming in Niantic Bay and Branford and may be interested in harvesting clams to be used for the restocking. He will contact him to see if he is interested and what the cost of boat time might be.
- 2) *Equipment* – An effort will be made to get the SSC boat in the water earlier this year in anticipation of the Scallop enhancement project.
- 3) *Update on the Scallop Enhancement Project in LNB (The Nature Conservancy)* – Mr. Murphy posted a notice on the East Coast Shellfish List Serve for potential sources of scallops. Only Taylor Seafood replied and NMFS-Milford Lab was contacted but they did not have sufficient numbers to help. Bob Kennedy from Nantucket was contacted and he suggested purchasing in March but scallops would have to be held in lantern nets or in tanks (e.g., at Milford Lab). Mr. Murphy will contact Ron Goldberg at Milford. Costs of the expanded effort planned for this year were reviewed. TNC will be contacted for another grant installment. Construction of scallop bags at Pine Point School was discussed. Stonington High School Tech. Ed teacher Dennis Johnson will be contacted for possible assistance.
- 4) *Application No. 2006011276-DL by Solomon Steiner to construct a dock in the Mystic River near Ram Cove Point* – No comment.
- 5) *Summary of Commercial Activities* – No reports

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) *Eelgrass workshop* – Mr. Banister provided a report on the workshop he and Mr. Swenarton attended in Portland ME on 24-25 Feb 09.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectively submitted,

John Swenarton, Acting Secretary