

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

**12 August 2010**

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at Town Hall. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Alan Desbonnet, Acting Secretary, and Mr. Donald Murphy, Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Banister to approve the 08 July 2010 minutes as presented. Mr. Murphy provided a second to the motion, which was passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter dates 30 July 2010 from Save The Bay re: 19 August meeting on TMDL study for the Pawcatuck River and Little Narragansett Bay. Mr. Murphy noted he will attend.

**BUSINESS**

1) *Conditional Shellfishing Areas*

- a) Area A and Outer Quiambog Cove were open 1-18 July, closed 19-29 July and open 30-31 July. Area B was closed as per the MOU with DA/BA.
- b) Mr. Murphy reported that on 28 August a delivery of hard clams for transplant will arrive and that any assistance will be appreciated.

2) *Enforcement*

- a) Mr. Murphy reported that the warden has had continuing trouble with a recreational harvester, and has stated he wants to pull the persons permit and have him come before the commission. It was agreed that if another offense occurs then this would be the best way to proceed.
- b) Mr. Murphy reported that the warden now has the capability to replace lost permits in the field, if needed.

3) *Application for Dock Permit in Mystic Harbor—Wainston*

- a) After review and discuss there were no comments to submit for this application.

4) *Aquaculture License AQP-04-2005-2010 Renewal*

- a) Steve Plant, Connecticut Cultured Oysters, expressed interest in renewing a license to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters that expires in 2010.
- b) Plant was instructed, according to the Management Plan, to submit application for renewal, which would be considered at the September meeting.

5) *Yankee Oyster, LLC Aquaculture Application AQP-08-2010-2020*

- a) The application, revised as per commission suggestions, was reviewed and accepted to enter the public comment portion of the application process. The applicant was informed that a \$600 fee must be paid to cover costs associated with posting the public notice. Once the fee is received and public notice made, the public hearing will be on the agenda of September 2010 commission meeting.

b) Mr. Murphy, with agreement from the applicant, will plan the meeting/public hearing for the week of 13 September, with most probable date being Thursday, 16 September 2010.

6) *Commercial Activities*

- a) Mr. Murphy announced that a commercial permit to harvest hard clams has been issued to Paul Watts for the 2010 season.
- b) Steve Plant, Connecticut Cultured Oysters, reported that oyster aquaculture conditions have been excellent, and the market condition favors sellers, at least for the moment.

NEW BUSINESS

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There being no further business, Mr. Banister made a **motion** to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Raffo. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Desbonnet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Alan Desbonnet; Acting Secretary