

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

**04 October 2010**

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

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Banister to approve the 16 September 2010 minutes as presented. Mr. Murphy provided a second to the motion, which was passed, Mr. Swenarton abstaining.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A letter dated 17 September 2010 from Mr. Murphy to Yankee Oyster LLC re: draft license to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters for review.
2. A letter dated 22 September 2010 from Mr. Murphy to shellfish permit vendors re: 2010–2011 scallop season information.

**BUSINESS**

1) *Conditional Shellfishing Areas*

- a) Area A and Outer Quiambog Cove were open 1-03 September, closed 04-10 September, open 11-16 September, closed 17-23 September and open 24-30 September. Area B was closed as per the MOU with DA/BA.
- b) Mr. Murphy reported that he is requesting relief from having to sample to re-open areas after a rainfall, and will be submitting the past two years of water quality data as evidence that a re-open sample is not needed.

2) *Enforcement*

- a) Mr. Murphy reported that the warden has been on patrol according to weather and opportunity, and that the boat will remain in the water until end of October.
- b) Mr. Murphy noted that he will begin scanning patrol reports and distributing them via email rather than by hard copy.

3) *2010–2011 Scallop Season Preparation*

- a) Mr. Murphy reported that the NMFS divers were in the area during late September, finding about 10 adult scallops in the Barn Island area. The divers are expected to return in early October to search the Mystic River area for more adults.
- b) Mr. Murphy reported that Don Raffo had seen considerable numbers of juvenile scallops washed up on the west side of Sandy Point over the past weekend, suggesting a good set in the area for 2010.

4) *Aquaculture Equipment Storage*

- a) Mr. Murphy requested that commission members think about alternatives to storing the aquaculture gear in lockers at Don's Dock; current cost is about \$150.00 per year for storage (3 lockers @ \$50.00 each).

- 5) *AQP-04-2005-2010 (B1) Renewal / Connecticut Cultured Oysters*
- a) The proposed work is identical to that granted in the original license agreement, and acreage involved identical to that filed in amendment to the license; no other change was proposed. Renewal through 31 August 2020 was requested.
  - b) A **motion** was made by Mr. Desbonnet to renew AQP-04-2005-2010 (B1) as submitted by Connecticut Cultured Oysters, with an expiration date of 31 August 2020, as requested, and that all terms of the original license agreement, including remuneration, remain unchanged. Mr. Banister made a second to the motion, which was unanimously approved. The renewal license will carry the designation AQP-04-2005-2010-2020 (B1).
  - c) Mr. Desbonnet agreed to draft a letter to Steve Plant regarding approval of the renewal.
- 6) *Commercial Activities*
- a) Steve Plant reported that business continues to be good, and that he is hoping to see a change in the status of the lower Mystic River to "Conditional."

**NEW BUSINESS**

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There being no further business, Mr. Desbonnet made a **motion** to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Swenarton. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Desbonnet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan Desbonnet; Acting Secretary