

**STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

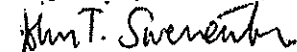
1 November 2010

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at the Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm St, Stonington, CT. Voting members present were, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. John Swenarton; Acting Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

- 1) Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
- 2) Review and approval of minutes of the regular meeting of 4 October 2010 – **Motion** by Mr. Banister was seconded by Mr. Swenarton to approve these minutes with the following amendments (strikethrough = deletion, underline = addition) to item 4)a) ...aquaculture gear in lockers at ~~Dodson Boatyard~~ Don's Dock; current cost is about \$150.00 per year of storage (3 lockers @ \$50.00 each). The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Correspondence –
 - a) Copy of letter dated 28 October 2010 from First Selectman Haberek to Carl Hillegass notifying him that he has been appointed as an alternate to the SSC.
 - b) Letter dated 4 October 2010 from Donald Gerwick, Gerwick Mereen Engineering, to Donald Murphy re: 28 Harborview Terrace DEP Application notice of permit application publication in the N.L. Day.
 - c) Letter dated 5 October 2010 from Donald Murphy to Steve Plant, Conn. Cultured Oysters acknowledging renewal of aquaculture license (AQP-04-2005-2010).
- 4) Business
 - a) Conditional Shellfish Areas – Area A and Outer Quiambaug were open for the entire month of October as rainfall never exceeded 1" over a 24h period. Sampling was conducted on 25 October 2010, with good results reported in all samples.
 - b) Meeting Schedule for 2011 – There was consensus among SSC members present to move regular meetings to the first Thursday of the month. A final decision will be made following input from other commission members.
 - c) Update on Scallop Season – A **motion** was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve expenditure of \$53.00 for printing of scallop permits. The motion passed unanimously. A preliminary report on the 24 September 2010 NMFS bottom survey of the southern side of Barn Island Bay was reviewed. The survey yielded 10 live scallops (all one size class; mean=61.4mm). 20 liters of laboratory scallops were released following the dive. On 27 October 2010, Dave Motherway took the NMFS divers to the west side of Stonington Harbor, where juvenile and adult scallops were observed in spite of poor visibility. Two coolers of laboratory scallops were released in deeper water following this survey. Don Raffo reported observing numerous juvenile scallops was up on the east and west side of the southern end of Sandy Point. Don Murphy also confirmed a report of scallops washed up on Trestle Beach in outer Quiambaug Cove.
 - d) Removal of SSC patrol boat – The boat will be hauled at Don's Dock and taken to PMW Marine for winterizing and propeller reconditioning.
 - e) Enforcement Plans – Dave Motherway has offered his personal boat to use for patrol while the SSC boat is out of the water.
 - f) Summary of Commercial Activities –Lawrence Taylor of Yankee Oyster LLC reported that he has submitted his application to the State of Conn. and it is now under review by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Dept. of Env. Protection. Paul Watts reported harvesting 24 bushels of hard clams in 2010, 12 bushels in Stonington waters. He will distribute 1.5 bushels in Area A as remuneration. He also noted that there is a clean-up of the Mystic River proposed for 2011 and is looking for support.
- 5) New Business – none

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Raffo made a motion to adjourn, which Mr. Banister provided a second. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectively submitted,



John Swenarton, Acting Secretary