

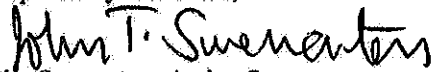
STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
3 March 2011

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 February 3, 2010 – **Motion** by Mr. Swenarton was seconded by Mr. Banister to approve these minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Correspondence – to be discussed under agenda items below.
- 4) Business
 - a) Conditional Shellfish Areas – Monitoring reports and sampling results for February 2011 were reviewed. Conditional Areas A, B, and Outer Quiambaug were open during most of the month until a rain event on 25 February caused closures of all conditional areas. Sampling was conducted on 16 February, with good results reported in all sampling sites in all three conditional areas.
 - b) Discuss Status of DEP Permit for Scallop Enhancement Project in Little Narragansett Bay – Letter dated 23 December 2010 from Karen Onofri of DEP/OLISP to Donald Murphy and email correspondences between Don Murphy, Tessa Getchis, and Connecticut DEP regarding the structures permit for the project were reviewed. No “as built” letter from SSC was submitted to DEP because all gear was removed; however, this triggered an automatic letter from DEP stating the permit will expire. Mr. Murphy will submit a letter to DEP by April 30th requesting a 1-year extension.
 - c) Application by Mr. Louis Thavenet, Jr. to construct a residential dock in the Pawcatuck River – The proposed dock will be located well up the Pawcatuck River far removed from any shellfish areas. Mr. Murphy will submit a completed Attachment D: Shellfish Commission, DEP Permit Consultation Form stating that the project will have no adverse impacts to shellfish areas. .
 - d) Demonstration of Shellfish Commission GIS – Tabled until next meeting.
 - e) Summary of Commercial Activities –
 - Steve Plant and Jim Markow of the Noank Aquaculture Cooperative are conducting water sampling to conditionally open areas of the Mystic River to open these areas in the winter when moored boats have been removed to avoid having to deurate shellfish from those areas during that time of year.
 - Mr. Murphy submitted a letter dated 28 February 2011 to Stonington Director of Finance Maryanna Stevens requesting a reimbursement check be issued for \$155.04 to Mr. Lawrence Taylor of Yankee Oyster, LLC for overpayment of legal notice fees required for a public hearing.
 - A draft remuneration fee schedule for the value of in-kind services for boats/crew were reviewed, along with a tables summarizing annual fees for current aquaculture licensees and an example of how fees would be applied and tracked. Mr. Murphy summarized his research used to justify the fees and all SSC members agreed that the proposed fees were fair and reasonable. SSC members recommended that a policy/timing statement be added to the fee schedule to ensure compliance. Mr. Murphy agreed to draft a revised the fee schedule with a policy statement to be approved at the next meeting.
- 5) New Business – Mr. Banister suggested moving scallop enhancement project gear currently stored at Pine Point School to lockers currently being rented by SSC at Don’s Dock. Buoys are being used by the Stonington Harbor Management Commission to mark new “no wake” zones in Stonington Harbor. A **motion** was made by Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Raffo and approved unanimously to continue locker rentals at an annual cost of \$375.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Banister made a **motion** to adjourn, which Mr. Raffo provided a second. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectively submitted,


John Swenarton, Acting Secretary