STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

8 June 2011

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

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

No minutes were accepted due to member's absence.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

BUSINESS

1. Conditional Shellfish areas:

Area A and Outer Quiambaug Cove were closed from 5/1/11 to 5/18/11 and are currently open. Area B is closed until November in accordance with the MOU. The area received 4.62 inches of rain in May.

Mr. Murphy informed the Commission that the conditional relay areas in Stonington Harbor have closed until October 31st due to the boating season.

2. Clam Restocking:

Mr. Murphy informed the Commission that clams will be delivered to the Noank Coop on Saturday, June 11th at 0800. Anyone wishing to help distribute the clams can meet at the dock at that time. A purchase of \$3500.00 worth of clams is planned; however the vendor (Bloom) stated that they may not be able to fill the entire order. The Commission will distribute the entire amount provided.

3. Budget:

Shellfishing permits are currently available from Don's Dock, Wilcox Marine and Greenhaven Marina. A new batch of permits will soon be ready from the printers. Collection of permit money has begun.

4. Equipment:

Shellfish boat patrols have begun as the boat is in the water at the Wad Club. The boat has been in the water and appears to be running well.

5. Dock Applications:

The Commission reviewed a permit request by the Sea Research Foundation (Mystic Aquarium) to increase the discharge volume from its pools into the Mystic River. The Commission had no comment on the permit.

6. Commercial Activities:

No commercial representatives were present.

The current list of remuneration amounts due from the lease holders was reviewed. Several of the commercial shell fishermen will participate in this weekends clam distribution effort to offset their fees. The list will be updated for the next meeting.

At 7:45 a motion was made by Mr. Raffo to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Banister. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted

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Donald Raffo