



Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission
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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2012
7:00 PM

A special 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, Ms. Tessa Getchis, Mr. John Swenarton; Acting Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

- 1) Call to order - Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December, 2011 – A **motion** made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the minutes was approved unanimously, with one abstention (Ms. Getchis).
- 3) Correspondence
 - a) Application for commercial wild harvest of shellfish received from Fred Emery
 - b) Letter dated 4 January 2012 from Shannon Kelly, DA/BA re: request to fill out and submit Gear Reporting Form.
- 4) Business
 - a) Conditional Shellfishing Areas - Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island – Monitoring reports for December 2011 and January 2012 were review. Closures occurred following rainfall events on 6 December and 12 January. Testing results were all very good.
 - b) Enforcement & Equipment – Nothing to report.
 - c) Update on the study of shellfish and submerged aquatic vegetation in Little Narragansett Bay and plans for Pine Point presentation. – Jon Mitchell has arranged to have Jim Markow speak to his class. The class will make a presentation on their study to SSC on 7 March 2012 as part of a special meeting. Arrangements for a meeting venue are underway.
 - d) Update on 2011-2012 scallop season in Stonington waters – Some scalloping has been reported off Quiambaug Cove, the west side of Stonington Harbor and at the mouth of the Mystic River.
 - e) Discuss letter of support for UConn's application to improve the Shellfisheries Mapping Atlas and apply it to aquaculture activities in other states – Chairman Murphy reviewed a letter he wrote to Dr. Gene Kim, NOAA/Sea Grant endorsing work proposed by Tessa Getchis, CT Sea Grant, and collaborators. SSC members agreed with his endorsement and recommended some other possible uses for the Atlas, such as harbor management of moorings.
 - f) Review guidance for completing an application to conduct aquaculture in Town of Stonington waters – There was discussion regarding clarification of language in the application to establish a time limit for execution of the agreement and commencement of harvesting after an application is approved. Mr. Desbonnet has agreed to work on this and present a draft revised application at an upcoming meeting.
 - g) Summary of commercial activities
 - i) Update on Fred Emery's application to harvest shellfish - Mr. Emery submitted an application to harvest shellfish in our wild harvest areas, which are all approved areas. He submitted a check for \$100, the amount of the yearly fee. In addition to the permit fee he will provide 10% of his take, which will be placed in recreational beds. Chairman Murphy is awaiting the Bureau of Aquaculture to issue him a commercial shellfishing license before issuing him a Stonington Permit.

- ii) **Review of Remuneration** – Chairman Murphy attained a permit for wild harvest of shellfish in Area C1 so that Jim Markow could harvest hard clams for restocking of recreational beds as part of his remuneration for 2011. Although Mr. Markow made a good faith effort, weather did not permit this harvest to occur, so a **motion** was made by Ms. Getchis and seconded by Mr. Banister to allow Mr. Markow’s remuneration balance for 2011 to carry over to 2012.
- 5) New Business – None.
- 6) Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, a **motion** to adjourn was made by Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Raffo and approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,


John Swenarton, Acting Secretary