



Town of Stonington Shellfish Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2012

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 7:05PM.

Mr. Raffo made a **motion** to accept the April 10, 2012 minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Banister and unanimously accepted. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 2012 was tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

An email dated August 30, 2012 from Mr. David Carey of the Bureau of Aquaculture on vibrio bacteria was entered into the record. This contained information on the proper handling of shellfish after removal from the water. As requested in the email, a message was inserted in the commission's phone line alerting callers of the potential hazard.

BUSINESS

1. Conditional Shellfish Areas:

Areas A and Outer Quiambaug Cove were closed from 8/1 to 8/5 and 8/10 to 8/17 and are presently closed. Area B is closed until November 1st in accordance with the memorandum of agreement with the Bureau of Aquaculture.

2. Clam Restocking:

Another clam restocking is scheduled for September 29, 2012. Although, due to potential difficulties obtaining an adequate number of clams this may be postponed until October. Mr. Murphy stated he will keep commission members apprised of the situation and final date.

3. Enforcement:

The commission reviewed an announcement that the Town will place in the Day and Sun papers and on the Town's web site outlining the duties and application process for the position of Stonington Shellfish Warden. The notice will run from September 8th to the 20th.

4. Scallop Season:

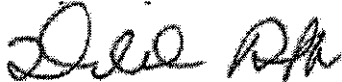
A **motion** by Mr. Raffo to open the 2012/2013 scallop season in Stonington waters at sunrise on Saturday, October 6, 2012 and close it at sunset on March 31, 2013. The scallop regulations and fees will remain the same as the 2011/2012 season. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banister and unanimously passed.

5. Commercial Activities:

Steve Plant discussed his commercial operations with the commission and his work in his new area.

At 7:55 a **motion** was made by Mr. Raffo to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Banister. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Raffo".

Donald Raffo
Acting Secretary