



Town of Stonington Shellfish Commission

152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2012

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at the Stonington Human Services Meeting Room, 166 South Broad St., Stonington, CT. Voting members present were Mr. Don Raffo, 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 minutes of the regular meetings of August 2, 2012 and September 6, 2012 – A **motion** was made by Mr. Raffo, seconded by Mr. Murphy and approved unanimously to accept the August 2, 2012 minutes. Review and approval of the September 6, 2012 minutes was tabled.
- 3) Correspondence
 - a) Letter dated September 7, 2012 from Docko, Inc. to Mr. Donald Murphy re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form for Mr. Douglas Jastremski.
 - b) Letter dated September 7, 2012 from Docko, Inc. to Mr. Donald Murphy re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form for Mr. Antonio Mastroianni.
 - c) Letter dated September 13, 2012 from Docko, Inc. to Mr. Donald Murphy re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form for Ms. Jessica Morrissey.
 - d) Letter dated September 27, 2012 from Towne Engineering, Inc. to SSC re: DEEP Office of Long Island Sound Application for Stonington Commons.
- 4) Business
 - a) Conditional Shellfishing Areas – Areas A and Outer Quiambaug were closed for much of September due to periodic rainfall events. Analytical results from water samples collected on 10 September were all good. Results from 2 October sampling were also good. Mr. Murphy summarized his discussion with DA/BA regarding the possibility of opening Area B sooner, prior to removal of all moored vessel as long as there is evidence they are not being used. Hard clam restocking on 29 September was a success. In total, 100 bags of cherrystones and 20 bags of top necks were put on the bottom of Areas A and Outer Quiambaug.
 - b) Enforcement – Develop evaluation process for candidates for the position of shellfish warden – There was discussion and consensus on the process of application review and candidate interviews for the Shellfish Warden position.
 - c) Update of the 2012-2013 scallop season in Stonington waters.
 - i) Review the results of NMFS bottom survey – A report from Dave Veilleux, NMFS Milford Laboratory was reviewed. The algal mat typical of recent years in Little Narragansett Bay appeared to have declined and had different species composition. Dives yielded 68 bay scallops of various sizes, including some very large individuals.
 - ii) Discuss alternative approaches to scallop season timing in future years – Based on his recent findings, Dave Veilleux expressed concern with Stonington's October-March scallop season, and recommended closing the season earlier to protect second year spawners he observed in his recent survey. Mr. Swenarton agreed to contact Pat Kelly of the Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission, and Don Landers of the East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish

Commission to get details on their method of staggered bed openings.

- d) Discuss an application by Mr. Douglas Jastremski to construct a dock, float and tie-off piles on the east shore of Pequotsepos Cove – no comment.
 - e) Discuss an application by Mr. Antonio Mastroianni to construct a dock and float on the east shore of Pequotsepos Cove – no comment.
 - f) Discuss an application by Ms. Jessica Morrissey to modify a dock and float on the west shore of Quiambug Cove – no comment.
 - g) Discuss an application by Stonington Commons to conduct maintenance/repairs to the existing seawall and repairs to the public access walkway along the east shore of Stonington Harbor – no comment.
 - h) Summary of commercial activities – Mr. Murphy reported that Fred Emery has suspended clamming for the time being. A mid-October survey is being planned with Jim Markow to look for potential clam harvesting areas for future restocking of conditional beds. Remuneration status of licensees was reviewed and all are in good standing.
- 5) Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, a **motion** to adjourn was made by Mr. Raffo, seconded by Mr. Swenarton and approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



John T. Swenarton, Acting Secretary