

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 4:30PM
Edgartown Town Hall

Present: Chair - Ryan Smith, Les Baynes, Coop Gilkes
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison,
Others: Roy Scheffer,
Recorder - Marni Lipke

The meeting was called to order at 4:32PM.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

- Bay Scallop Season Update
- There was little or no scalloping since the weather was either too cold or too rough, and when conditions allowed only two boats went out. Cape Pogue was closed and slushy.
- Staff was working on propagation equipment maintenance: trailers, boats, etc.
- Pete Jackson was attending a Shellfish Constable course at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy February 22nd through March 4th.
- Cape Pogue would be surveyed the first week of March for any scallops in the grassy areas (see 1/5/16 Minutes p. 1).
- Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall had contacted Town Hall about selling family permits in bait and tackle shops but it was still in process (see below: Actions).
- Deputies would check to see if any seed needed moving or thinning.

NEW BUSINESS

- Katama Oyster Growers / Vibrio Season
- Chris Scallachi of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) had scheduled a meeting (see below: Meetings/Events & Actions). Currently DMF was considering:
- requiring icing within 1 hour during the hottest summer days; and
 - reducing air-drying time to 10 days.

MINUTES

- **COOPER GILKES MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2, 2016 MINUTES AS AMENDED: LES BAYNES SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.**

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Harbormaster Charlie Blair had agreed to winter aquaculture locations, either at DMF surveyed common ground or as winter use of a stake, so long as all equipment and work vacated the site in time for seasonal users. The problem was cage locations.
- Roy Scheffer asked about Edgartown Great Pond oyster season. Oysters there were less marketable, being smaller, uglier and wormy, but still sellable.
- If Cape Pogue re-opened for scallops it would require policing on two fronts.
- A cut of the Great Pond barrier beach was scheduled for March 1st.

RYAN SMITH MOVED TO:

- **CLOSE SENGEKONTACKET POND TO COMMERCIAL OYSTER FISHING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016;**
- **OPEN EDGARTOWN GREAT POND TO COMMERCIAL OYSTER FISHING ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016 AT TWO (2) LEVEL TEN (10) GALLON WASHBASKETS PER DAY WITH SHELLS, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, ALLOWING POLES AND RAKES ONLY (NO DRAGGING), NO FISHING IN THE SANCTUARY OR TURKEYLAND AND NO STORAGE OF SHELLFISH;**

COOPER GILKES SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.

Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM Tuesdays, March 1, & 15, 2016 at Town Hall
- DMF Vibrio Forum - 11:00AM - 1:00PM Tuesday, March 8, & 15, 2016 at Town Hall
- Edg. Aquaculture on Vibrio - 4:00PM Sunday, March 13, 2016 at Atria
- Annual & Special Town Meeting - 7:00PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

• LES BAYNES MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:57PM; COOP GILKES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Actions To Be Done:

- Paul - contact Town Accountant re: selling family permits at Bait & Tackle stores.
- Paul - contact DMF re: possible survey for winter aquaculture cage locations.
- Paul - draft language re: aquaculture winter locations.
- Ryan - contact Aquaculture growers before 3/8/16 DMF meeting

Documents on File:

- Agenda 2/16/16