

Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 4:30PM
Edgartown Public Library

Present: Acting Chair - Ryan Smith, Les Baynes, Donald Benefit, Coop Gilkes,
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison,
Others: Ned Casey, Adam Castro, Madeline Fisher, Anthony B. Jackson,
Chris Look III, Crystal Rose Robinson,

The meeting was called to order.

COMMERCIAL, FAMILY, AQUACULTURE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

• **LES BAYNES MOVED TO CONFIRM ACTING CHAIR RYAN SMITH IN SIGNING THE COMMERCIAL SHELLFISHING APPLICATIONS FOR NED CASEY, ADAM CASTRO, MADELINE FISHER, ANTHONY B. JACKSON AND CRYSTAL ROSE ROBINSON; RYAN SMITH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

• Les Baynes cautioned the fishermen that Shellfish Rules and Regulations were posted on the Edgartown Website and would be firmly enforced, the Committee and staff wishing everyone well but understanding its responsibility to protect the shellfish, the harvest and fishermen safety.
- The Committee and staff endorsed the practice of informing all fishermen of regulations and enforcement as an excellent precaution and important information. There was a discussion on the 2008 regulation update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chris Look read a letter of apology for dragging in Cape Pogue. He was mortified to hear he had inadvertently broken regulations and returned the scallops to the Pond. He took full responsibility as captain and understood he should have known of the ban. The Committee and staff thanked him for his letter and staff agreed he obeyed regulations and had no non-compliant history.
- Ned Casey offered to move seed, particularly in Sengekontacket, which he sometimes did on his own, after a storm or when he thought there was a better location. Staff thanked him and would put him on the call list.

DEPUTIES' & CONSTABLE'S REPORT

• Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall told Danny Thomas to pay his fine, and the Committee asked about any feedback on the suspensions. It was agreed that Dave Viera should be informed that one more violation could mean a one-year suspension (see below: Actions).

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Bay Scallop Update

- There was a lot of big seed in Sengekontacket last year but a quick survey showed reduced survival. However the Pond was loaded with conchs.
- Wind and cloudy water obscured Cape Pogue.
- The quahog rafts were out with a big crop of 2.6 million this year, and the Committee noted the phenomenal harvest. Almost all the oysters were in cages and not many left in the upweller. Chappaquiddick Nursery was running as usual. Staff carried out a water sampling today.

OLD BUSINESS

Schifter Poucha Pond Testing

There was some fieldwork last week but the report had not yet been received.

Vibrio Update

Tomorrow morning the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) would be on Island for an exploratory tour of Katama (and Duxbury) as having the most vibrio cases in the last 2 or 3 years.

NEW BUSINESS

FY18 Articles, Etc.

In preparation for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) budget Paul Bagnall proposed level funding the usual article and level servicing the Department – with the standard salary adjustments.

- Pete Jackson was working 32 hrs. per week and should be trained on enforcement duties.

- There was a brief discussion on the December Aquaculture hearing.

Meetings/Events

- Edg. Shellfish – 4:30PM Tuesdays, October 18, & November 7, 2016 at Town Hall
- Edg. Shellfish/Aquaculture meeting – 4:30PM Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

• COOP GILKES MOVED TO ADJOURN; LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Actions To Be Done:

- Ryan/Christian/Paul – send Dave Viera a letter re: another ticket means a one year suspension.
- Paul/Ryan/Staff – remind aquaculture farmers to check corner buoys.
- Paul – put Ned Casey on the seed moving list.
- Ryan – remind aquaculturists re: corner buoys.
- Paul/Warren/Rob – talk to Petey about enforcement.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 10/4/16