

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 4:30PM**  
**by Zoom Cloud Conference Due to the Covid-19 Crisis**

Present: Chair – Christian Thornton, Madeline Fisher, Ryan Smith, Nick Turner,  
Shellfish Dept. Paul Bagnall, Warren Gaines, Rob Morrison,  
Others: Bob Hayman, Recorder – Marni Lipke,

The meeting was called to order at 4:31PM.

*(Recorder's Note: discussion has been summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)*

**MINUTES**

**• CHRISTIAN THORNTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 MINUTES: NICK TURNER SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 4 AYE, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: CHRISTIAN THORNTON—AYE, MADELINE FISHER—AYE, RYAN SMITH—AYE, NICK TURNER—AYE.**

**CONSTABLE'S & DEPUTIES' REPORT**

Scallop Season

- 7 to 10 boats were still finding scallops outside Cape Pogue in a few different places during calm weather (7 boats today with 7 limits). Prices remained stable at \$20-22 per lb. Otherwise staff was working on boat maintenance, gear work, etc.
- Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall attended the Mass Shellfish Initiative meeting, now focusing on changes to mooring/shellfishing regulations (possibly triggering some closings), agency resources and how Shellfish Department and towns could cooperate—the home-rule issue having been left out (see 2/5/20 Minutes p.2).
- The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) spoke on roughly the same topics at the Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association (MSOA)—i.e. mooring regulations and inter-departmental and town cooperation to adhere to Public Health regulations.
- The Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG) acquired a 15 yr. lease to the Hughes Hatchery (which carried utility cost responsibility). They had consequently increased fundraising efforts to support, the original Vineyard Haven facility, Chappaquiddick Nursery, and now the Hughes Hatchery.
- The Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Shellfish budget and articles (see 12/1/20 Minutes p.1-2) would come before the Finance Committee next week (see below: Meetings/Events).

Meetings/Events

- FinCom Budget Hearing on Shellfish - 3:00PM, [Tuesday, January 26, 2021 by Zoom](#)
- Edg. Shellfish - 4:30PM, Tuesdays, February 2 & 16, 2021 by Zoom
- Dredge - 4:00PM, Thursdays, by Zoom

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**ADJOURNMENT**

• **NICK TURNER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:49PM; MADELINE FISHER AND RYAN SMITH SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: RYAN SMITH—AYE, CHRISTIAN THORNTON—AYE, MADELINE FISHER—AYE, NICK TURNER—AYE.**

**Actions To Be Done:** - None

**Documents on File:**

- Agenda 1/19/21

**Katama Aquaculture Lot Wait List**

<del>1. Micah Agnoli</del>	<del>6/21/17</del>	5. Adam Thibodeau	11/7/17
2. Adam Castro	9/5/17	6. Lila Fischer	1/16/18
3. Evan & Andrea Donnelly	9/19/17	7. David "Tubby" Medeiros	2/19/19
4. Clinton Fisher	9/19/17	8. Liam Cosgrove	9/17/19

**Middle Flats lots votes:**

- 11/5/13      1 two-acre Middle Flats to Jeremy Scheffer  
- transferred to Noah.
- 2/18/14      1 two-acre Middle Flats to Ryan Smith & 1 two-acre Middle Flats to Joe Smith  
- Joe Smith transferred to Julia Smith
- 2/2/16**      1 two-acre Middle Flats to Nick Turner & 1 two-acre Middle Flats to Dan Donnelly
- 8/21/18      1 two-acre Middle Flats to Scott Castro
- 10/20/20      Liam Cosgroves & Sandy Fisher motion to sign Middle Flats applications pending  
Shellfish Constable and Shellfish Committee Chair approval.  
- Liam Cosgroves confirmed.