

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 4:30pm**  
**Via Zoom Teleconference**

Present: Christian Thornton\*, Nic Turner, Madeline Fisher, David Faber  
Shellfish Dept. Rob Morrison  
Others: Chris Fotta, Robert Carroll, Juliet Mulinare (Recorder)

The meeting of the Edgartown Shellfish Committee was called to order at 4:35pm.

SHELLFISH PERMITS & AQUACULTURE LICENSES

Rob presented one commercial shell fishing application for approval: Fotta. The application is complete. *Motion placed on the floor by Nic to approve the commercial shell fishing application. David seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved unanimously, 4-0.*

MINUTES

Motion placed on the floor by Christian to approve the 12/20/22 & 1/3/23 draft minutes, seconded by Madeline. No further discussion, vote taken and approved 4-0.

CONSTABLE'S REPORT/SCALLOP SEASON UPDATE

Rob said that scalloping has slowed down considerably since the price drop after the New Year; scallops are only going for around \$15/lb now and the market has dried up. Rob continued that it was too bad the market has slowed because there are still good scallops in Cape Pogue. DMF will be sampling most of the town's bodies of water tomorrow.

PROPAGATION EFFORT

The propagation effort is preparing for next year; a work float is being constructed for use in Sengekontacket.

SENGEKONTACKET COMMERCIAL OYSTER SEASON

The Sengekontacket oyster season was approved by the Selectboard. This is a good alternative fishing resource for fishermen who are no longer scalloping.

MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING TRAINING

Rob attended a marine mammal training for stranded animals through the Tribe. He said it was a valuable exercise and now he knows who to call for instances like the stranded dolphin in Katama Bay a couple months back.

CPR/FIRST AID

Rob stated that there is a free CPR/First Aid training being offered for fishermen next week.

The next meeting will be in-person at the Library.

\*Christian departed the meeting.

At 4:45pm, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. No further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0

Minutes submitted by Juliet Mulinare.