

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 4:30pm  
At the Edgartown Library**

Present: Nic Turner, Madeline Fisher, David Faber  
Shellfish Dept. Rob Morrison, Jason Mallory  
Others: Donny Benefit, Juliet Mulinare (Recorder)

The meeting of the Edgartown Shellfish Committee was called to order at 4:34pm.

SHELLFISH PERMITS & AQUACULTURE LICENSES

None.

MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the 4/25/23 draft minutes.

*Motion placed on the floor by Nic to approve the 4/25/23 draft minutes, seconded by Madeline. No further discussion, vote taken and approved unanimously (3-0).*

DEPUTY/CONSTABLE REPORT

Jason stated that it is business as usual; they are getting gear out and getting oysters ready to spread. He said there are a couple people quahogging.

Rob stated the oysters did well over the winter. He informed the Committee that DMF will be here tomorrow to conduct water sampling in all bodies of water as part of the shellfish sanitation program; specifically, they will look at fecal coliform levels which will be used to dictate seasonal closures of certain areas.

Rob also told the Committee that he will be applying for a Year-End line item transfer to reallocate \$25k from the salary line to the expense budget to cover maintenance costs for the equipment.

NEW DEPUTY HIRE

Rob informed the Committee that the new deputy, Julie Pringle, will be starting this Thursday.

EDGARTOWN GREAT POND COMMERCIAL STEAMER CLAM SEASON

Rob and the Committee discussed the Steamer Clam season in the Great Pond. Rob stated that the parameters of last years' season worked well and proposed the same for this year. He said only a few people go but it's always nice to offer as many opportunities as possible for the public to go shellfishing. The Committee discussed the dates, with input from Donny. It was decided that the season will open on Monday, June 26 and go through Friday, September 8. People will be allowed to go out Monday – Friday from 7am – 4pm and can bring in two 10 gallon wash baskets per day. Hydraulic harvest is only allowed in open areas and will be prohibited in areas with eel grass.

*Motion placed on the floor by Nic to approve the EGP commercial clamming season. Madeline seconds, no further discussion, vote taken and approved unanimously (3-0).*

Rob informed the Committee that the Great Pond was cut and stayed open for 19 days or so; which provided a good exchange.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

At 4:47pm, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. No further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0.

Minutes submitted by Juliet Mulinare.