

**Edgartown Shellfish Committee
Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 4:30pm
At the Edgartown Library**

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

The meeting of the Edgartown Shellfish Committee was called to order at 4:36pm.
David will serve as Acting Chair.

MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from 6/6/2023.

Motion placed on the floor by Nic to approve the 6/6/23 draft minutes. Madeline seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (3-0).

SHELLFISH PERMITS & AQUACULTURE LICENSES

None.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chuck reported that the propagation effort is in full swing; oysters, clams and scallops are all thriving. There are lots of recreational fisherman out and the season is starting strong. Water sampling by DMF is on-going but there are no issues thus far. The Friends of Sengekontacket interns have hit the ground running and Department operations are running smoothly.

The Committee discussed whether the water temperature in the ponds is monitored. Rob said that DMF takes temperatures when they sample and he can share a link to that data.

EDGARTOWN GREAT POND COMMERCIAL STEAMER CLAM SEASON

The season will begin on Monday, June 26 and will end Friday, September 8.

MIDDLE FLATS AQUACULTURE AREAS

Rob reached out to Ms. Lipke, the former recorder for the Committee; she has records of approvals for lease areas for Sandy Fisher and Liam Cosgrove from 2020. Those applications never went to a public hearing, but the approvals are still valid and Rob will make sure the process is completed. DMF and the Selectboard need to approve the coordinates for each lease site so Rob can provide that information to the lessees. He will also seek approval for additional lease areas to be added.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The Committee will meet again on July 18th via zoom.

At 4:55pm, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. No further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously, 3-0.

Minutes submitted by Juliet Mulinare.