

Shellfish Committee
Minutes May 5, 2021

PRESENT: Deer Isle Members 4
Stonington Members 3
PUBLIC: Hannah from State and 7 members public

Item 1: Read minutes of April 2021 Moved seconded all in favor

Item 2: Hannah reported on State's view of conservation projects.

Conservation is not required by DMR however it is required in multiple different towns. Three towns in Hancock and four in Washington require conservation. Seeding, surveys, and brushing are standard conservation projects. Most towns will give fee reduction or early license purchase if conservation is done. Some will charge a fee in lieu of doing conservation time. A lot are now doing multi specie management. Some are trapping and counting predators and some are doing science research projects.

As far as acceptance of town ordinances is concerned , future requirements are under review. A lot appears to be negative and the committee should be aware of what is happening at the State level especially any potential changes to the rules in Chapter 7 which is what we work by.

Maine Shellfish learning groups. It would be nice to have clammers and Committee members come to these meetings.

Item 3: The State will put out five boxes for long term study in Hatch Cove and Sunshine Causeway. The boxes are 1' x 2' with fine mesh
Hannah reported that you need multi year reports. Last year had poor results but the year before were very good throughout the State. Location could be an issue or weather. Temperature data monitor are needed. Need to study green crab, etc infiltration. Need input from clammers also.
If we put out boxes and want to winter over resulting product we would have to get an aquaculture lease as she can no longer issue licenses.

Powell moved that the Board host a conservation meeting on May 17th to put out some of our boxes at 8AM. Meet at Deer Isle town hall. Second Crystal all in favor. Powell will advertise the event.

Item 4: Ordinance changes

Powell motioned if the Board wanted to set up a sub committee to go over the Ordinance and suggest changes to such items as adding additional species and quorum requirements. This did not pass. Board decided that it would rather continue to meet through the summer and work together on the project.

Item 5: Board decided that it would like to change the date/time of the monthly meeting from the end of the month to the second Wednesday of each month at 6PM. All were in favor. Next meeting June 9th at 6PM at Deer Isle town hall.

Item 6: The aquaculture lease request in Oceanville.
The Harbor committee sent this request back to the Shellfish committee.
No one was present to represent the lessee's.
The Shellfish committee is not in favor of the lease.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted;

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Secretary

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