

Deer Isle-Stonington Shellfish Conservation Committee Meeting 9/8/21

Minutes:

Item1: The June minutes were read by Powell and signed by all members present.

Item 2 : Budget

Powell handed out budget information from each town as well as 2021 licenses sales numbers.

A discussion of the gap between the licenses sales revenue and each towns budget in support of the Shellfish Ordinance. The gap is about \$8,000 in each town.

It was also noted that each town had some funds in reserve that can help fill the gap. We talked about how to close the gap; but no decision were made.

We talked about the decline in commercial clammers on the Island, and lack of younger clammers. No decisions were made and we will pick up the budget at the next meeting.

Item 3 : Changes to Ordinance

Powell informed the committee that Gouldsboro when it amended its Ordinance and changed the tolerance for two inch clames in a lot from the State tolerance of 10% to 5% in Gouldsboro. Gouldsboro also limited the number clames over four inches, to 10% of lot.

Powell then asked if the committee wanted to make similar changes.

No motion was made and the issue was dropped.

John Robbins suggested to the committee that as part of the mandatory Seven (7) hours of conservation work required for a commerical Shellfish license,

shellfish harvesters must attend 3 Shellfish Conservation Committee meetings.

A motion was made to Amend the Ordinance as Robbins suggested and was unanimously adopted.

Powell said that he would talk to Hannah Annis about the 3 amendment we plan to make to the Ordinance, and put something together that we can send to the Towns.

Item 4: Other business

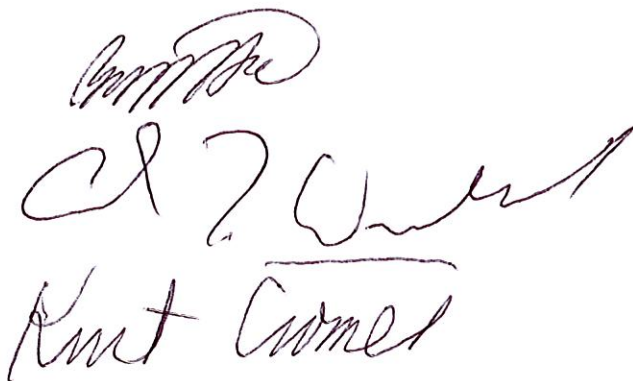
Jim Fisher announced that there will be a shoreline cleanup organized by the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries on September 23, 2021 from 2-4 P.M..

Meeting ajourned

Respectively submitted;

George Powell

chair



George Powell
Al J. Underhill
Kurt Coomes