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Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: May 20, 2015 TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 8:10 P.M. LOCATION: West Barnstable Community Building

<u>Shellfish Committee Members present:</u> Stuart Rapp, Robert Lancaster, Gerard Ganey, Andre Sampou, Kevin Flaherty, Les Hemmila

General Public present: Christopher Freeman, Carl Carlson,

Town Council Liaison present: Phil Wallace

Town Staff present: Tom Marcotti, Liz Lewis, Terri McDonald

Stuart Rapp chaired the May 20, 2015 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart Rapp took a roll call of members present at the meeting.

Stuart Rapp read a notice at the beginning of the meeting:

NOTICE OF RECORDING

"Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 and, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known."

1.) Meeting minutes:

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Andre Sampou and seconded by Gerard Gainey to approve the April 15, 2015 meeting minutes as written.

2.) Chairman's comments:

None.

3.) Natural Resource Propagation Report:

Doug Kalweit reported the Shellfish Revolving account is at \$95,000. Recreational Licenses sold to date: 1,414 Residents, down 42 from previous year and 151 Non-Residents up by 2 from last year. Kid Clamming Classes schedule was distributed (see attached). Tom Marcotti reported the following information:

• Effective Saturday, May 23, 2015 The West Bay Recreational Shellfishing Area as defined is open to the recreational harvest of all shellfish and seaworms.

The **West Bay Recreational Shellfishing Area** is defined as the waters, flats and shoreline within an area beginning from the West Bay Landing at Bridge Street to the Wianno Yacht Club pier to the "NR / No Shellfishing" sign/buoys located offshore. DMF/SC 22.11

• Effective Saturday, May 23, 2015 The Handy Point Quahog Propagation Area as defined is open to the recreational harvest of all shellfish.

The Handy Point Quahog Propagation Area is defined as the waters and intertidal flat within an area marked by yellow "NR" marker buoys and/or signposts as deployed near Handy Point in Cotuit Bay.

• Lewis Bay Shellfishing Closures:

Portions of Lewis Bay described below shall be closed to shellfishing June 1st through October 31st, all dates inclusive. The areas shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1st and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.

- 2.8 **Harbor Bluff, Lewis Bay:** The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto in Lewis Bay northwest of a line drawn from the southern end of Harbor Bluff in the Town of Barnstable to the end of Glenwood Street in the Town of Yarmouth and southerly of a line drawn from the end of Channel Point Road Way in the Town of Barnstable to the end of Columbus Avenue in the Town of Yarmouth. (DMF/SC:28.2; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing June 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**).
- 2.9 Lewis Bay: The waters and flats of that portion of Lewis Bay in the Town of Barnstable, west of a line drawn from the Town Way at Harbor Bluff in a southwest direction to the Hyannis Yacht Club Pier and east of a line drawn from the end of the stone jetty at Snow's Creek to the "No Shellfishing" sign on the opposite shore. (DMF/SC:28.8; classified as conditionally approved; status: Closed to shellfishing June 1 through October 31, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on November 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.)

• Clamming Classes for Kids scheduled for June 14th, 20th and 21st at Bridge Street Landing.

4.) Status of pending pier applications before the Conservation Commission:

None.

5.) Old Business:

None.

6.) New Business:

None.

7.) Miscellaneous:

Next Meeting will be held at the West Barnstable Community Building at 2377 Meetinghouse Way, Route 149.

Requested Agenda items for next meeting:

- 1. New Grant Area
- 2. Update on Rues and Regulation status.

The Shellfish Committee unanimously approved a motion made by Les Hemmila and seconded Gerard Ganey to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Terri McDonald, Administrative Assistant