

## Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

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**DATE:** June 17, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** MEAD Building

### **Shellfish Committee Members present:**

Stuart Rapp, Richard Haskell, Gerard Ganey, Les Hemmila, Robert Lancaster, Matt Ostrowski, Andre Sampou

### **General Public present:**

William Korkuch, Tess Korkuch, Mark Lazzari, Marian Scolles, Gary Ostrom, Bill Lister, Bob Lister, Norman White, Russell White, David Still III, Wally Watson, Ms. Wally Watson, Scott Laurie

### **NR Staff present:**

Tom Marcotti

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### **Chairman's Report:**

Stuart Rapp chaired the June 17th, 2009 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Gerard Ganey requested a revision of the minutes of the May 20th, 2009 meeting of the Shellfish Committee to include an offer by Albert Suprenant to fund a portion of Town shellfish seed procurements for propagation efforts. The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the May 20th, 2009 meeting of the Shellfish Committee as amended.

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### **Natural Resources Report:**

#### • **Out-of-Town Contaminated Shellfish Relays**

Tom Marcotti informed the committee that 1300 bushels of contaminated quahogs were recently relayed to the Hyannis Harbor Relay Area (DMF/SC:27.25) (Hyannis Avenue), and the Cotuit Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC:21.22). The contaminated quahogs relayed to these areas were harvested from certified areas of Mount Hope Bay. In addition, contaminated quahogs were recently relayed by local contractors from the Centerville River and Bumps River to the Bay Street Relay Area (DMF/SC:23.20). Tom announced the three relay areas being used this year were permitted to be planted by June 15, 2008 and may be reopened during the Fall of 2009, pending DMF approval.

Tom informed the committee that the Cordwood Lane Relay Area (northern portion) (DMF/SC:27.25), the Cotuit Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC:21.22), the Bluff Point Relay Area (DMF/SC:21.20) and the Bay Street Relay Area (DMF/SC:23.20) are scheduled to reopen during the Fall of 2009 pending DMF approval.

Natural Resources planned participating in the DMF contaminated quahog relay program during the late Summer / early Fall of 2009. DMF certified contaminated quahogs would be harvested from certified areas of Mount Hope Bay and relayed to Town of Barnstable shellfish relay areas for a period of natural depuration before direct harvesting by the public was allowed. Tom Marcotti explained some of the aspects of the DMF contaminated quahog relay program, and for discussion proposed the use of a number of suitable habitat sites to be used as relay areas. Any areas used to receive relayed contaminated shellfish during the late Summer / early Fall of 2009 would remain closed to harvesting until the Fall of 2010.

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## Piers, Dredging and Shellfish Habitat Issues:

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the following proposed pier applications:

- Applicants: Patricia Baker and Alan McDonough  
Application: (N.O.I.) Construction of timber walkway, bank access stairs, permanent pier with ramp, floats and tie-off piles to be shared by two abutting properties..  
Location: 250 Windswept Way and 43 Sunset Point, Osterville, MA. 02655  
(as shown on Assessors Map 51, lots-11 & 12)
- Applicant: William S. Abbott & Gerald W. Blakeley, Trs., Peninsula Realty Trust  
Application: (Request for Determination of Applicability) The applicant is proposing to rebuild an existing pier with no change in footprint. The rebuilt pier proposes a reduction in the number of piles. Rotating an existing float, and adding a ramp are also proposed. The pier is permitted under SE3-2288.
- Location: 186 Windswept Way, Osterville, MA 02655  
(as shown on Assessors Map 52, lot 2)

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## Town Commercial Shellfishing Licenses

Les Hemmila drafted a written concept for the transferability and heritability of Town commercial shellfishing licenses and submitted it to the committee for discussion. Many aspects and details of the Town commercial shellfishing licensing system were discussed by the committee. A significant public turnout comprised mostly of commercial shellfishermen contributed their opinions and input on the issue. Comparisons of fisheries that allow the transfer of licenses were considered. There was no interest by the committee or the shellfishermen to currently increase the number of licenses for issuance. Overexploitation of a limited resource was the primary rationale for this point of view.