

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: March 16, 2011
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Richard Haskell, Gerard Ganey, Les Hemilla

General Public present:

Robert Bangs, William Korkuch, William Scott Korkuch, Wayne Hayes

NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the March 16th, 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the January 19th, 2011 and February 16th, 2011 meetings of the Shellfish Committee.

Natural Resources Report:

Shellfish Area Closures

- **Shoestring Bay Closure:**

The lower portion of Shoestring Bay closed to all shellfishing as of April 1, 2011 per order of DMF.

The lower portion of Shoestring Bay is defined as: The waters, flats and all tributaries of Shoestring Bay in the Towns of Mashpee and Barnstable, easterly of a line drawn south from the southernmost point of Mashpee Neck to Punkhorn Point; northerly of a line drawn from Punkhorn Point to Ryefield Point and southerly of a line drawn from Simons Narrows Road in the Town of Mashpee to the "Public Way to Water" in the Town of Barnstable. (DMF/SC20.3; classified as conditionally approved; **status: Closed to shellfishing April 1 through November 30, all dates inclusive. The area shall not automatically reopen to shellfishing on January 1 and will remain closed until examined and shellfishing is allowed by DMF.**)

- **Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area Seasonal Closure:**

Effective Wednesday, April 1, 2011, the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area (as defined) in Barnstable Harbor is closed to the harvest of all shellfish. Opening dates for the Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area will be posted annually.

- **DMF Scallop Season Closure:**

The harvest of scallops shall be closed, (prohibited) effective April 1st annually, MGL CH 130 sec. 71. Open season will be posted annually.

- **Oyster Season Closure:**

The harvest of oysters throughout the Town of Barnstable shall be closed, (prohibited) effective April 1st annually (Barnstable Code 407-4B5). Open season will be posted annually.

- **Clamming Class For Kids:**

Barnstable's Natural Resources Program will offer two FREE shellfishing classes for young people,

Wednesday, April 20th @ 8:00 A.M. at Cordwood Landing, Cotuit

Saturday, April 23rd @ 10:30 A.M. at Cordwood Landing, Cotuit

For more information call Natural Resources during office hours Monday – Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:15 P.M. at 508-790-6272 or direct your questions via e-mail to

amy.raitto@town.barnstable.ma.us

Natural Resources informed the Shellfish Committee of the Spring 2011 Out-of-Town and In-Town Contaminated Quahog Relays and the practicality of utilizing various established relay areas (listed below) located throughout the Town for the natural depuration of the relayed quahogs. The Shellfish Committee discussed making the Hyannis Harbor Relay Area a recreational shellfishing only area.

**Division of Marine Fisheries and Town of Barnstable Shellfish Relay Area Definitions
for 2011 Out - of - Town Contaminated Quahog Relays**

COTUIT BAY

Projected Closure April or May,

2011

Cotuit Bay Relay Area DMF/SC 21.22

The Cotuit Bay Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay between the "No Shellfishing" sign / posts located along the shoreline at 884 Main Street extending to the "NR" sign buoys located offshore.

Projected Closure May, 2011

Cordwood Lane Relay Area (Northern Portion) DMF/SC 21.21

The northern portion of the Cordwood Lane Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay located within the area defined by the "No Shellfishing" sign/post located on the shore at 721 Old Post Road to the NR "No Shellfishing" sign/buoy located offshore to the green navigational buoy at the southern end of the Cotuit Narrows to the "No Shellfishing" sign/post located on the shore at 797 Old Post Road.

Projected Closure May, 2011

Bluff Point Relay Area DMF/SC 21.20

The Bluff Point Relay Area is defined as: the waters and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay southwest of an imaginary line drawn from the end of the pier at 124 Bluff Point Drive to a "No Shellfishing" sign/post along the western shore of Cotuit Bay at 996 Main Street, Cotuit Ma.

NORTH BAY

Projected Closure May, 2011

North Bay Relay Area DMF/SC23.22

The North Bay Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of North Bay from the pier at 79 Sand Point Road to the pier at 86 Sand Point Road extending to the navigational channel at the northern entrance to Cotuit Bay and to the offshore sign/buoys in North Bay.

HYANNIS HARBOR

Projected Closure April or May, 2011

Hyannis Harbor Relay Area DMF/SC27.22

The Hyannis Harbor Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Hyannis Harbor between the Hyannisport Yacht Club pier and the pier located at 10 Hyannis Avenue, and from the seaward end of the Hyannisport Yacht Club pier to the offshore sign/buoy located seaward of the pier at 10 Hyannis Avenue.

BARNSTABLE HARBOR

Closed April 1, 2011

Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area DMF/CCB 31.20

The Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area is defined as: the waters, flats and all tributaries of Barnstable Harbor from the Beach House west of the Scudder Lane landing, to the Barnstable Yacht Club pier, and extending to the Huckins Island tidal flat.

Shellfish Aquaculture License Renewal Applications

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the shellfish aquaculture license renewal application of **Robert Bangs** and passed a motion recommending that his license be renewed by the Town Manager. Robert Bangs shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng030; 2.0 acres). A public hearing for the proposed renewal application will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the shellfish aquaculture license renewal application of **William Korkuch** and passed a motion recommending that his license be renewed by the Town Manager. William Korkuch's shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng037; 2.00 acres). A public hearing for the proposed renewal application will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the shellfish aquaculture license renewal application of **William Scott Korkuch** and passed a motion recommending that his license be renewed by the Town Manager. William Scott Korkuch's shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng040; 2.0 acres). A public hearing for the proposed renewal application will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the shellfish aquaculture license renewal application of **Wayne Hayes** and passed a motion recommending that his license be renewed by the Town Manager. Wayne Hayes' shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng043; 2.00 acres). A public hearing for the proposed renewal application will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the shellfish aquaculture license renewal application of **Timothy Walker** and passed a motion recommending that his license be renewed by the Town Manager. Timothy Walker's shellfish aquaculture site is located in Barnstable Harbor (Area 1; site ng042; 2.00 acres). A public hearing for the proposed renewal application will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

Recreational Shellfish Licenses

The Shellfish Committee discussed various ways to improve the recreational shellfish license document (card) issued by the Town of Barnstable in order to verify accuracy. Barcode technology was discussed as an efficiency option. The committee also discussed various aspects and levels of enforcement of the shellfish regulations. Doug informed the committee that height and weight have been added to the recreational shellfishing permits.

Shellfish Committee Meeting Room Change

The Shellfish Committee discussed moving their monthly meetings to another location for audio / video purposes. The Shellfish Committee decided to put the topic on the agenda of the next committee meeting for review, discussion and a vote.