

Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

DATE: September 21, 2011
TIME: 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
LOCATION: MEAD Building

Shellfish Committee Members present:

Stuart Rapp, Richard Haskell, Bob Lancaster, Gerard Ganey, Andre Sampou, Matt Ostrowski

General Public present:

Norman White, William Korkuch, Lenny Clark, Jeff Myers and Debbie Myers

NR Staff present:

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

Chairman's Report:

Stuart Rapp chaired the September 21st, 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the August 17, 2011 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart Rapp informed the Committee of the September 27 Conservation Commission workshop which will focus on the 2011 Shellfish Habitat Maps.

The Shellfish Committee approved a motion to go into executive session.

Natural Resources Report:

- **MA Division of Marine Fisheries Contaminated Oyster and Quahog Relay Area Openings:**

The following shellfish relay areas are open to shellfishing as of **Sunday, September 25, 2011** per order of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries:

Cordwood Landing Relay Area (Northern Point) (DMF/SC 21.21) 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.

Cotuit Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC 21.22) is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay between the "No Shellfishing" sign/post located along the shoreline at 884 Main Street extending to the "NR" sign/buoys located off shore.

The following shellfish relay areas are scheduled to reopen **Sunday, October 30, 2011** pending approval by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries:

West Bay Oyster Relay Area in West Bay will be open for the recreational harvest of shellfish currently marked to the left of the West Bay Recreational Shellfishing area between the "No Shellfishing" sign/posts between the piers and extending to the offshore "NR" sign buoys.

Scudder Lane Recreational Shellfishing Area (DMF/CCB 31.20) is defined as: the waters, flats and all tributaries of Barnstable Harbor from the Beach House west of the Scudder Land landing, to the Barnstable Yacht Club pier, and extending to the Huckins Island tidal flat.

The following shellfish relay area is scheduled to reopen **Wednesday, November 2, 2011** pending approval by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries:

Bay Street Relay Area (DMF/SC 23.20) is defined as: the waters, flats and tributaries of that portion of North Bay from the Town landing at Bay Street to the "No Shellfishing" sign/post at the tip of the salt marsh at 237 Seapuit Road and extending to the offshore "NR" sign buoys.

- **MA Division of Marine Fisheries Contaminated Quahog Relay Area Closures until the Fall of 2012:**

Bluff Point Relay Area (DMF/SC 21.20) 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 Relay Area (DMF/SC 23.22) 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.

Outer Hyannis Harbor Relay Area (DMF/SC 27.25) is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Outer Hyannis Harbor from the “No Shellfishing” sign at the pier at 10 Hyannis Avenue to the “No Shellfishing” sign at the pier at 85 Ocean Avenue and 250 seaward from the signs.

Piers, Dredging, and Shellfish Habitat Issues

The Shellfish Committee reviewed the following pier applications:

Applicant: **Christopher H. Babcock**
Application: Construct and maintain timber boardwalk, pier, ramp, and float
Location: 109 Marquand Drive, Marstons Mills, MA, 02648

Old Business

- **Temporary Anchorage for Commercial License Holders**

The Shellfish Committee discussed the issue of temporary anchorages for commercial shellfishing license holders at the Town Landings.

Scudder Lane Parking Issues

Jeff and Debbie Myers, located at 153 Scudder Lane, requested assistance from the Shellfish Committee in regards to the parking issues at Scudder Lane during the opening of oyster season. The Myer’s were encouraged to go to the Police Station and Highway Department with the Committees support on the issue.

The Committee discussed various solutions for the Scudder Lane parking issues including having the DPW cut back overgrown brush on Scudder Lane and/or requesting a detail officer on opening day for the safety and welfare of the residents.

The Shellfish Committee approved a motion to write to the DPW that excess shrubbery is removed prior to October 30, 2011.

Other Business

Tom Marcotti informed the Shellfish Committee that the shellfish aquaculture licensed activity is not beyond the grant boundaries near Little Huckins Island. The area was checked by G.I.S. staff using GPS.

Lenny Clark discussed with the Committee that State shellfish planting guidelines state that planted areas cannot be closed to shellfishing in excess of three years.