

SHELLFISH MEETING

February 5, 2015

Meeting called to order by Abden Simmons, Chair, at 6:01pm.

I Roll Call:

Present: Abden Simmons, Glen Melvin, April Simmons, Chuck Reed, Wayne Harvey II, Clint Collamore, April Simmons, Bay Creamer

Others Present: Bill Bragg(Town Warden),

II Approve minutes from last meeting:

Feb 5, 2015 minutes. Motion to approve by Clint, 2nd by Wayne, 7-0.

III Shellfish Warden report (Bill Bragg): Nothing to report.

IV Report From Hannah Annis (Area biologist): Not present.

V Review Town of Waldoboro Shellfish Ordinance:

A copy of the Shellfish Ordinance was sent to all committee members prior to the meeting. Time was also given to review during the meeting. The follow changes were discussed:

1. Since the "Definitions" sections defines the age of a *Junior Resident* and *Junior Non Resident*, all other reference to age can be removed.
2. To remove "then" on pg 5 found in the second paragraph, third sentence.
3. Replace *February 15* with April 1st on pg. 6 section 1.
4. Replace *husband* with "manage" on pg. 6 section d.
5. Remove *he* on pg. 9 section 8

Motion to accept changes discussed by Wayne II, 2nd by Bay, 7-0

VI Review 2015 Commercial Shellfish Application:

It was noted applications must be turned in to the Waldoboro town office by June 19, 2015 and licenses will go on sale starting July 13, 2015.

Clint suggested increasing the Resident Recreational license fee from \$10 to \$25 and Non-Resident Recreational License fee from \$20 to \$50.

Motion to increase these fees by Clint, 2nd by Chuck, 7-0

VII Other Business:

Wayne II reported some harvesters are talking about the possibility of buying seed this year. Glen mentioned buying seed is very expensive. Others agreed. Abden then brought up the possibility of taking seed from closed areas. This topic will continue in future meetings.

From a recent meeting held in Brunswick, Abden briefed us on the issue some have raised about the level of lead (metals) in shellfish. Current FDA threshold for clams and mussels is 1.7, where others are suggesting a much tighter .6. Since the FDA agrees "lead" is not an issue, a bill is being prepared to continue to use the 1.7. Glen stated this is the biggest concern for the "Maine Advisor Council" at this time.

VIII Motion to adjourn: by Clint, 2nd by Wayne II, 7-0

Abden Simmons

Glen Melvin

Chuck Reed

Clint Collamore

Wayne Harvey II

Bay Creamer

Gerry McPhee

April Simmons

John Gatcombe

