

SHELLFISH MEETING

November 5, 2015

Meeting called to order by Abden Simmons, Chair, at 6:02pm.

I Roll Call:

Present: Abden Simmons, Glen Melvin, April Simmons, Chuck Reed, Gerald McPhee, Clint Collamore, Bay Creamer

Others Present: Bill Bragg(Town Warden), Hanna Annis(Area Biologist), Alexander Violo (Lincoln County News)

II Approve minutes from prior meeting:

October 1, 2015 minutes. Motion to accept minutes by Gerald, 2nd by Clint, 7-0

III Recreational Licensing:

- Requirements pertaining to persons who hold a Recreational Shellfish license were discussed. The discussion centered on whether or not to allow those who hold a current Maine Commercial Shellfish license to be allowed to purchase a Recreational Shellfish license. Hanna stated it is common to prohibit the sale of Recreational license to those who hold a Commercial Shellfish license.
- To give an example of “wording”, Hanna supplied committee members with page (2) from the town of Bristol Shellfish Ordinance.
- Hanna also reported an unexplained report of 1000’s of ¼” seed suspended on the flats.
- Glen reported seeing large amounts of seed suspended on the flats on the “West” side in August. We’re not sure why at this point.

IV Shellfish Warden report (Bill Bragg):

- Flood Closure lifted

- 3 summons issued (digging in flood closure areas)
- Warden(Billy) activities up November 22nd
- Town boat is running well

V Other Business:

- Random run samples – 15 samples from Sampson’s (T Hill) cove. Should know in January if and where the line can be moved (more North).
- Glen reported high numbers of green crabs trapped. A high percentage of females carrying roe. Clint reported seeing some green crabs in his lobster traps.
- Abden reported on November 20th there will be a Task Force meeting to look over all river sampling.
- Glen reported an area that remains a concern for pollution is between the Main St. bridge/down and between the town landing to the line. Working to determine pollution source as animal or human.
- NEST program – Glen strongly suggested they make better use of their dollars by involvement in the Medomak Project. 1-3 NEST folks showed interest in going digging with Glen. Billy suggested Abden invite NEST to our next Shellfish meeting. Hanna will contact NEST on our behalf to put a “good word” in. Hanna will supply NEST with the Landing reports to show Waldoboro as one of the top producers of shellfish.
- Gerald reported that Steve Drake (PT Warden) is not addressing who he is when approaching diggers.
- Abden suggested having the next Shellfish meeting in January.

VI Motion to adjourn: by Chuck, 2nd by Glen, 7-0

Abden Simmons

Glen Melvin

Chuck Reed

Clint Collamore

Wayne Harvey II

Bay Creamer

Gerry McPhee

April Simmons

John Gatcombe