

SHELLFISH MEETING

February 1, 2017

Meeting called to order by Abden Simmons, Chair, at 6:04pm.

I Roll Call:

Present: Abden Simmons (Chair), Glen Melvin (Vice Chair), Chuck Reed (Secretary), Clint Collamore, John Gatcombe

Others Present: Eileen Dondlinger (Town Clerk)

II Approve minutes from prior meeting:

Motion to accept November 2, 2017 minutes by Glen Melvin, 2nd by Clint Collamore, 5-0.

III Shellfish Warden report (William Bragg): – Not Present

IV Hannah Annis report: - Not Present

V Annual Review:

- Committee members reviewed some highlights that included the number of participants in the conservation program / shoreline clean-up, closures, warden's report, beaver trapping results and licensing data to name a few.

VI Licensing Allocation:

- All Shellfish Committee members present agreed to carry forward the same number of available licenses to 2018.
- A roundtable discussion took place among committee members surrounding the declining involvement from our youth in the shellfish industry.

VII License Application:

- Motion to approve the application deadline of June 15, 2018 by Clint Collamore, 2nd by Glen Melvin, 5-0

VIII License Fees:

- All committee members present agreed to carry forward 2017 license fees to 2018

IX Set number of Conservation Dates:

- Motion to hold the number of conservation dates to 4 days by Glen Melvin, 2nd by John Gatcombe, 5-0

X Fisherman's Forum:

- Fisherman's forum dates set for March 1-3, 2018

XI Other Business:

- A discussion took place to consider accepting another grant to continue razor clam research and development in the Medomak River. Motion to pursue this grant by Clint Collamore, 2nd by John Gatcombe, 5-0
- Eileen Dondlinger confirmed those who have acquired conservation credits but did not submit a shellfish application, those conservation credits will be lost.
- Glen Melvin informed committee members on July 26, 2018 the Waldoboro Historical Society plans to give a presentation on the history of "digging". Leaders of this event are asking for any vintage harvesting equipment, pictures, etc, we may be able to donate to this effort. Committee members present said they would be willing to donate clams for the event.

XII Motion to adjourn: by Clint Collamore, 2nd by Glen Melvin, 5-0

Abden Simmons

Glen Melvin

Chuck Reed

Clint Collamore

Wayne Harvey II

Bay Creamer

Gerry McPhee

April Simmons

John Gatcombe