

Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
For
8-22-17

Meeting Called to Order: 3:00pm EST

Members Present: Scott Lindell – Chair, Dan Smith, Gary Sharpless, Mark Wisotzky, Dana Pazolt, Steve Wisbauer & Tony Jackett (Truro Shellfish Constable)

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed for the 7-18-17, 2017 meeting. Mark made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented. Dan seconded, and the **motion** passed 5–0-0

Protocol for ordering seed from approved source and a method to easily track them so no untested shellfish finds their way to the ADA – Scott asked how do we track seed that is used in the ADA or other Truro grants? Dan proposed a Quarterly Aquaculture License Report (QALR). Dan and Dana suggested that the bill of lading be attached to the QALR and submitted to the Shellfish Warden. Mark asked about adopting the QALR and stating this as a new procedure in the Truro ADA regulations. Next meeting SAC would probably bring this up again and vote on this new procedure to bring forth to the BoS. In the meantime, Dan will modify and provide final version to the SAC with electronic word document copy that can be edited by SAC and final version submitted to BoS for agenda item.

Actions to pursue funding for salt water ice machine that would be shared between P-town and Truro - Dana indicted that there was not update since our last SAC meeting. Rex (P-Town Harbormaster) is aware of the subject and maybe interested in pursuing this grant. Steve said the current 5 ton freshwater ice machine is at capacity and Rex would be interested in an 8 ton saltwater ice machine. Steve said a new 8-ton saltwater replacement ice machine would be about \$40K, but the existing 5 ton freshwater ice machine would have some resale value. It was suggested by Dana the way it might work is \$40K budget with \$30K funder by the Pier Corp and balance of \$10K funded by 3 fisherman with payback in ice over a period of time. Steve and the SAC indicated the town may not want to do that and that the Pier Corp might just fund the full amount. Next step is to keep looking into RFP for FDA grant and see what rex wants to do.

Plans to seed soft shell clams in Pamet for recreational use – The shell fish in Pamet is somewhat cyclical – one year good quahogs and oysters and the soft shell suffer and vice versa. The existing Truro Shellfish Budget has mostly been used for quahogs and the oyster remote set to help propagation – and this has been successful since most of the recreational shell fisherman are interested in quahogs and oysters and will take what they can get with softshell clams because of the single basket weekly limit. If the SAC want to do something

in this area we would need to get some 2ft x 2ft clam tents and designate an area in the harbor for an experiment. In the past Tony has used AmeriCorps Volunteers to help with shellfish activities like this and it has work out. SAC plans to continue discussions in this area to do an experiment in April 2018 with ½” softshell clams. Actions are: 1. Dana contact seed vendor to see what is required/how much, 2. Tony schedule time frame and area where this could be done and 3. SAC figure cost to do this, 4. Get our bid in for the seed order and help with the labor pool to actual do this experiment.

Herring River Restoration Task Force – Mark said there were no meeting yet and would keep the SAC updated with any new news.

Review and SAC discussion of Update on Ecological Restoration/Culver Replacement Projects outlined at Town Meeting on 9th - Gary made copies and handed out at SAC Mtg

Discussion on how we keep the shellfish grant active that have expired – Currently if a grant is inactive for two years it will require a biological survey. However, the time frame for having this done by the state might not coincide with a new grant holder grower getting his/her permit in place, ordering seed and getting gear in the ADA for the next season. Discussion ensued with the focus being that SAC and the BoS want the ADA to prove successful and measures need to be taken so that prior licensing efforts are not lost due to dormancy of grant sites.

Topics for next meeting agenda and schedule for next meeting:

1. Discussion of draft for Quarterly Aquaculture License Report and next step to bring this before BoS – Dana, Dan, Tony
2. Discussion of raft for ADA - Steve
3. Update of pursuing grant for saltwater ice machine for P-town & Truro
4. Update on soft shell seeding – yes or no based on status of action items 1.-4. above

Adjourn:

Scott made a **motion** to adjourn at 4:15pm. Mark seconded, **motion** passed 5-0-0.



Minutes approved 12-8-17 Garrett C. Sharpless, Secretary, Truro SAC