

# Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

For

10/30/15

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**Meeting Called to Order:** 4:06pm EST

**Members Present:** Scott Lindell – Chair, Dan Smith, Steve Wisbauer, Mark Wisotszky, Tony Jackett (Truro Shellfish Constable) and Jan Worthington (BoS Representative)

**Others Present:** Gary Sharpless

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed. Dan made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting as presented. Steve seconded, and the **motion** passed 4 - 0 - 0.

**Discuss Waitlist or Other Applications:** Tony indicated that no new ADA License applications had been filed or were pending addition to the Waitlist. He discussed the License Application submitted by Dan Smith for a two (2) acre grant located off of Beach Point Landing in North Truro, that was received in the Board of Selectmens office on August 25, 2015. He indicated that he had reviewed and approved it with the applicant prior to submission.

Following discussion, Mark made a **motion** to approve the Aquaculture License Application as proposed and recommend it to the Board of Selectmen. Steve seconded, and the **motion** passed 3 - 0 – 1 abstention (Dan).

**Discuss the Establishment of a Revolving Fund for Shellfish Development:** Tony discussed the development of a Revolving Fund that would be for propagation and designated specifically for Shellfish Industry Development. Scott will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen outlining the topic and request the opportunity to formally present this recommendation to them. He will complete a Request For Agenda form.

**Discuss Additional 25 Acre ADA Site Development:** Steve continued discussion on this topic from prior meetings. He recently participated in a dive searching for eelgrass just inside of the current ADA site and found none. He will provide specific GPS coordinates for the new 25 acre site leaving a fifty (50) foot channel between the two locations.

**Discuss providing education on shellfishing as well as signage for Bay Beaches:** Tony agreed that providing education and signage was important but wanted the committee to rethink

a previous commendation related to shellfishing regulations outside of the Pamet Harbor on Bay Beaches. Mark suggested the creation and development of a simplified table that would delineate catch limits by specie as well as other pertinent details. Discussion ensued.

Steve made a **motion** to amend the motion made at the September 1, 2015 meeting to read as follows: Change the current regulations to reflect that "Sea Clams shall be a minimum size of 5 inches with a weekly maximum catch limit of two (2) ten-quart buckets, in the shell." Scott seconded, and the **motion** passed 4 - 0 - 0.

**Discuss seasonal shellfish survey of shellfish population on Bay Beaches:** Mark discussed having shellfish population counts completed on Bay Beaches. Suggested using the AmeriCorps as a resource. Discussion followed.

**Discussion of Next SAC Meeting:** The next SAC meeting will be determined. Topics will include the following:

- Discuss and review new information related to development of a second 25 acre ADA
- Review updated Regulation For Taking of Shellfish, Sea Worms, Eels and Crabs
- Review Charge and Charter

Mark made a **motion** to adjourn at 5:50pm. Scott seconded, **motion** passed 4-0-0.

Approved @ 12/04/15 SAC Mtg.

*Dale S. Smith*

Secretary / Vice Chairman

