

Regular Monthly Truro Shellfish Meeting
June 6, 2014

Members present: Tom Kane, Nick Brown, Scott Lindell, Steve Wisbauer, Tony Jackett (Shellfish Constable), Ansel Chaplin.

Previous Minutes from April 8, 2014: Scott made a motion to approve minutes from April 8, 2014, Nick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of planned activity in the ADA in 2014: Dana is not going to get in the water this year. He's hoping to expand on his off shore location, and is concerned about monitoring his equipment in the ADA. Steve has acquired his permits and has his corner bounds in the water. Steve is hoping to eventually get an oyster grow system, but for now, he will only be using bottom gear. Scott and Owen have not received the grant money yet, but hope to get some equipment (such as acoustic releases, sheathed lines, different types of anchoring), and to test it in the ADA.

Discussion of Sea Clam Relay: We are still in the planning stages for the relay. We have the "okay" from the seashore and from the state. Next, Tony will meet with Provincetown Conservation. Once we have their approval, we can develop our plan, and then seek approval from the Truro Board of selectman.

Discussion of the Shellfish Resources in the Pamet River: Tony is adding quahogs and will be adding more spat on shell to the oyster beds next week. Steve's chinese hat experiment worked well- it added oysters to the Pamet as well as seed for his ADA plot. It may be worth adding more hats to different locations in the Pamet to help re-establish old beds. At one point, we discussed bringing in a trailer load of culch. However, Tony thinks a trailer load of culch would be excessive and would cover up a lot of quahogs. As long as people recycle their oyster shells back into the Pamet, oyster beds will become more prolific.

Discussion of the Beach Clean up: Steve sent out flyers to the school so hopefully we will get some local kids involved. Americorp will not be participating this year. The town will drop off trash bags at Corn Hill.

Discussion of Harbormaster /Shellfish Warden job description: After reviewing the Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable job description we feel like some things could be changed. Nick volunteered to attend the Pamet Harbor commission meeting on June 12th on behalf of the Shellfish Committee to express our ideas. Discussion ensued.

Discussion of Election of Officers: Scott made a motion to re-elect Ansel for Vice-Chair. Motion passed 3-0. Steve will remain as an alternate.
Our Next Meeting will be July 8, 2014.

Tom Kane
7/31/14

Scott made a **motion** to adjourn, Nick seconded, and the **motion** passed unanimously.

