

Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

For

5/26/17

Meeting Called to Order: 4:05pm EST

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

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed for the April 28, 2017 meeting. Mark made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented. Nick seconded, and the **motion** passed 5-0-0

Blue Economy Presentation: Bert Jackson gave a verbal presentation on the Blue Economy initiative that is sponsored by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of this initiative is mainly to stimulate economic development on Cape Cod. A major aspect that was pointed out was the need for training of younger people in the local economy to be prepared for potential higher tech jobs that relate to ocean research, coastal engineering, environmental engineering, aquaculture and other related coastal jobs and opportunities. Bert sees P-town and Truro as potential opportunities mainly around shellfish activities and we discussed our ADA activities and how that could potentially benefit the local economy as well as other potential fisheries activities. The main priorities for the Blue Economy model is to: 1) Have a Vibrant Marine Ocean (i.e. sustainable), 2) Healthy water (i.e. no run off from septic and roads) 3) a 2021 workforce (i.e. educated and trained young people to meet the challenges of these new types of jobs). The advisory board discussed how this all relates to Truro and the surrounding areas and we closed the discussion by saying we would stay in touch with Bert and this initiative and provide any potential ideas that could benefit the Town of Truro and fit with the mission of the Blue Economy.

Discussion of Experimental Scallop Culture in the ADA: Dan Pazolt is working with Dan Ward (Wood Hole?) to look at the potential of growing scallops in the ADA with Dana's assistance. The plan would be to get scallop seed (4mm or ¼" size) from Bill Mook (in Maine who provides licensed seed to aquaculture harvesters). Initially the seed would go onto Dana's grant in the tidal area and then as they grow-out they would then move outside to the ADA sub-tidal area. The whole process or grow out season is estimated to take 18 months and would most likely start in September 2017.

Follow-up discussion of Home Rule: Back in the November 2016 the SAC had a discussion of the Home Rule process. In a nutshell it would enable the Town of Truro to control the permitting and shellfish activity without going through DMF (Department of Marine Fisheries). This could potentially help and enable existing shellfish harvesters and new grant owners to receive permits and additional ADA grants without going through the more lengthy DMF process. It would still require similar steps that are currently in place (i.e. Propagation Permits, Army Corp Permits, Commercial Permits), but the Town of Truro would have the ultimate jurisdiction and not DMF. Mark made the point that if the SAC decides to pursue this Home Rule avenue that we should have adequate documentation or examples of situations where DMF has not been expedient in issuing the necessary permits for the harvester to expand or take advantage of the next growing season. Armed with that type of information (maybe with an examples from a Truro Grants and also P-Town) the SAC would be more inclined to take this to the Shellfish Warden's Department and then to Selectmen as a subject for the next town meeting agenda.

Review and Update of Annual Aquaculture License Report: Scott asked Dan Smith to share a revised Annual Aquaculture License Report that he had modified from the existing form to be a little more informative on the relevant information that they have to provide to the SAC, Shellfish Warden and the Town of Truro as part of their annual grant holder's requirements. The committee reviewed the preliminary form that Dan had passed out and the committee suggested some minor modifications. Dan indicated he would make those modifications and Tony as the Shellfish Warden was in agreement as well. Nick made a motion to accept the new report form and Mark seconded it and **motion** passed 5-0-0.

Follow-up on beach cleanups: Tony and Mark gave a brief report on the last beach cleanup that was CERT sponsored and indicated that in some manner or form the SAC would support future beach cleanups.

Topics for Next Meeting Agenda and Schedule Next Meeting: Scott suggested that the next meeting be scheduled for June 23rd at 1:30pm Topics for the June meeting might include:

- 1) Mark was nominated by the SAC to be the SAC representative at the next Herring River Restoration Meeting and Mark agreed to do so at the request of the Town Manager. So of there is a meeting before the next SAC meeting Mark will report on that.
- 2) Nick mentioned the potential \$3.7M that was conditionally approved by the BoS at the last Town Meeting and he was going to look into this in more detail (as well as the Lower Cape Development Corp for potential funding) and this could be another agenda topic for an East Harbor update for the next SAC meeting.

Adjourn:

Scott made a **motion** to adjourn at 5:40pm. Nick seconded, **motion** passed 5-0-0.



Minutes approved 7-18-17 Garrett C. Sharpless, Secretary, Truro SAC