

Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

For

5-25-18

Meeting Called to Order: 4:31pm EST

Members Present: Scott Lindell, Dan Smith (Vice-Chair), Gary Sharpless (Secretary), Mark Wisotzky, Nick Brown, Dana Pazolt, Steve Wisbauer & Tony Jackett (Truro Shellfish Constable).

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed for the 1-26-18 meeting. Mark Wisotzky made a **motion** to approve the minutes as presented. Nick Brown seconded, and the **motion** passed 5-0-0

Review current activity in ADA and any new applications: Discussion of SAC was to get an update of the Truro ADA existing grants and new application. In Truro the ADA grants are full and there is no one on the waiting list. Most current applications for grants that have been approved for Truro are for Steve Roderick, John Burns and renewal of the grants for Jeff & Billy Sousa. Only other potential interested oyster grower for tidal grant is Chris Townsend in Truro.

Review Shellfish Regulations: No changes in regulation, but members will review to simplify so that it is easy for people to understand and is consistent with other information items on the Truro Town Website (i.e. FAQ, and other shellfish info).

Update of Truro Shellfish Constable's propagation activities: Tony Jackett handed out document that summarized activity to date:

"Thanks to the Division of Marine Fisheries for continuing the relay program as it has made a huge impact increasing the shellfish population over the years which the public values and appreciates. On Thursday, April 19, 2018 I traveled to Exit 6 in Hyannis with a truck provided by the Town of Truro and unloaded 75 bushels of quahogs from the F/V Ocean Rancher and 76 bushels from the F/V Blackjack. The quahogs were locked at the DPW overnight and deployed the following day near high tide with the help of deputy shellfish officers John Bloom, Gary Sharpless and Mark Wisotzky. On Friday, April 20, 2018 after unloading the quahogs into Pamet Harbor I was able to take the one-ton truck to Hyannis and pick up 75 bags of quahogs from the F/V Ocean Rancher and 74 bags of quahogs from the F/V Blackjack at the Burger King Parking lot just off exit 6. I drove them back to the DPW garage late that afternoon deployed them the following day bringing the total to 300 bags that went into Pamet Harbor. Signs that said "Contaminated shellfish area" were put in place and the shellfish area will remain closed until early November for harvesting after testing the water and the quahogs.

I was able to arrange a group of AmeriCorps members and a couple of residents from Truro to bag shells at the Dennis Transfer Station. We totaled 200 bags spread out on four pallets with about 50 bags each. The bags will be trailered to the hatchery in Dennis to collect a remote set of oysters sometime before June 12.

ARC is anticipating having quahog seed ready to go starting next week. We have a 100,000 seed going into the Provincetown upwellers that will grow out through the summer before planting. ARC would also like all shell bags for oyster remote set at ARC for June 12 as they plan on doing the set soon after. The big oyster seed (R8 or 12mm) from Cape Cod Oyster is growing and on track, they will send some out for pathology next week with the goal of having everything approved and ready to go by around the week of June 5 and the week thereafter (assuming good pathology report).

So we will have 200 bags of remote set, 10K of the large oysters from Cape Cod Oyster and for now 100k of the quahog seed we should be getting soon.

Tony Jackett

Shellfish Constable"

Review Soft Shell Clam Seeding Experiment for funding, seed procurement for Pamet Harbor:
There was a general discussion on the steps required do a small scale seeding of soft shell clams relative to the size of the plots being (2) 10ft x 10ft areas up the Pamet River, potential funding by Nick Brown \$200-300 for seed, and from Tony, Dana and Steve to organize the gear. Scott made a **motion** that we should go ahead and procure seed for planting this season. Dan seconded motion and it passed 5-0-0. Dan also said he would do some research and come back to the SAC with an outline of a plan or more specific information.

Update on the use of floating rafts and/or platforms in ADA with P-town Shellfish Constable and P-town Harbormaster. A brief discussion on the subject by the SAC indicated that if there is a need the grant holders of the ADA need to pursue this and bring it to the SAC for action. Otherwise this subject has been closed.

Topics for next meeting SAC agenda:

1. Review status of Soft Shell Clam Seeding experiment for funding, seed procurement, volunteers and exact timing & area in Pamet Harbor.
2. Review and finalize Draft Shellfish ADA Report
3. Review Truro Recreational Shellfish activities for 2017- 2018 and East Harbor Discussion
4. Herring River Update

Adjourn: Scott Lindell made a **motion** to adjourn at 5:45pm. Nick seconded, **motion** passed 5-0-0.



Approved as Amended Minutes submitted 8-2018, Garrett C. Sharpless, Secretary, Truro SAC

