

Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

For

8-20-18

Meeting Called to Order: 4:07 EST

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

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes were reviewed for the 5-25-18 meeting. Mark made a **motion** to approve the minutes as amended. Dan seconded, and the **motion** passed 5–0–0

- **Review current activity in ADA - Review and finalize Shellfish ADA Reporting Form**

Scott brought up ADA and new form. Dan did not bring to meeting so we will review next meeting. Dan said oyster were growing very well and gave an overview. Gary gave Dan two Oystergro brochures to share with Dana that Tony and Gary got from Rep that was delivering gear to Truro. Gary suggested having a small workshop in the fall for interested growers to hear what the Oystergro Rep could share. Mark said it might be possible to hold the workshop at the Pamet Yacht Club.

- **Review Shellfish Regulations, Education and Enforcements**

Scott mentioned record low tide in last month with some people taking undersized sea clams. However most people have permits and may need some education. The info that is in the town website is very good but people who pick-up this info with the gauge and permit may not read it. Also was brought up by mark about some people digging in eel grass, which is not a regulation but is not recommended. Shellfish Warden (Tony) and Deputies (Gary, Mark and John Bloom) continue to monitor and educate. Suggestion was made to make simple signage that shows graphically some of the regulations. Shellfish board and harbormaster will look into this to see what is possible for next season.

- **Update of Shellfish Constable's propagation activities and plans**

Tony reviewed what was done at Pamet Harbor for seeding in Pamet waters – 100,500 quahogs (relay program – April 2018), 100,000 small quahog seed (Sept-Oct 2018), 10,000 oyster seed (Sept-Oct 2018), 200 bags of remote set oyster (Oct 2018). Mark said he would help Tony and harbor staff with other interested volunteers.

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- **Review status of Soft Shell Clam Seeding Experiment**

25,000 soft shell clam seed (steamers) will be procured by Tony in third week of Sept from Salem State that will be 10-15MM in size. Nets are at Dana's already prepared with net minder. 20' x20' nets will be prepared in a location up Pamet River (Tony TBD). Volunteers, Tony, Gary and John Bloom will help prepare area with rakes ready for seeding. In the process of raking eliminate any green crabs from area because they will prey on juvenile shell fish.

- **Discussion of East Harbor; culvert project, water quality testing**

Steve indicated that the town plans to put in a 4ft diameter culvert. Therefore the change in pollution source enables more water quality testing. So far early test results look good. Once the culvert is in Steve believes that area could be conditional approved for shellfishing activity. There is some potential land adjacent to where the culvert will be installed and discussion among the board sees the potential of the town buying the land and using it for shellfish activity such as over-wintering shellfish from ice in bay, land base nursery activity, staging for gear, storage and refrigeration and facility for aquaculture enterprise. This could be a potential economic development project for Truro, so the board plans to meet next with our shellfish representative on the BOS to discuss interest in this project on 9-10-18 at our next meeting.

- **Aquaculture nursery and pitting area (East Harbor project proposal)**

The board will try to develop some type of proposal for this activity and project above at East Harbor and Nick will look at area costs, Dan usage for growers, Mark potential for affordable housing and Steve and Tony will look at the technical shellfish aspects.

- **Potential oyster reef/bed restoration site**

Steve brought up that there is a potential site between Corn Hill and Shearwater beach areas where there are large rocks that have attracted oysters. This could be an area where remote set or oyster seed bags could be secured to do additional propagation for recreational shellfishing. Steve, Tony and Gary will try to survey the area for this potential next extreme low tide cycle.

- **Herring River Stakeholder Group update**

Mark reported on his last meeting at the Herring River Stakeholder Group that Truro does not have much impact with this project but will continue to go to the meetings as our representative.

Topics for next meeting agenda and schedule for next meeting:

- 1) **Review and finalize Shellfish ADA Reporting Form**
- 2) **Meet with SAC Representative that is on the BOS to talk about East Harbor**
- 3) **Discussion on signage design and next steps**

Adjourn: Scott made a **motion** to adjourn at 5:53pm. Mark seconded, **motion** passed 5-0-0.



Minutes Approved 9-10-18, Garrett C. Sharpless, Secretary, Truro SAC



