



Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission

152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378

REGULAR MEETING

September 2, 2021

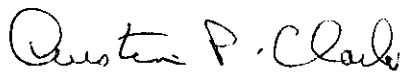
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A Regular Meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, 27 Chase St. Pawcatuck, CT. Members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Donald Raffo, Mr. Donald Murphy, Chairman, and Mr. John Swenarton, Acting Secretary.

- 1) Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm. Mr. Murphy gave a tribute to SCC member Peter Moore who passed away recently. A moment of silence was observed.
- 2) PUBLIC HEARING: Application by Little Narragansett Bay Oyster Company to install oyster grow-out bags at its existing shellfish farm south of Elihu Island. Mr. Will MacKay summarized his proposed Public Comments: A letter dated August 27, 2021 in favor of the application was received from Ms. Jennifer Martin of the Elihu Island Trust
A motion to close the public hearing (Raffo/Banister) was approved unanimously.
- 2) Discuss the results of the public hearing on application; decide whether to approve the application – A motion to approve the application Little Narragansett Bay Oyster Company (Banister/Raffo) and maintain remuneration at the current rate was approved unanimously.
- 3) Comments from the Public – none
- 4) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 5, 2021 – Tabled until a quorum of meeting attendees is present.
- 5) Correspondence – none
- 7) Business
 - a) Discuss the water quality testing and status of Stonington’s conditional recreational shellfishing areas – Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island (Area A and Area B) – Conditional beds were August 5-12 and August 22-30. Test results were generally good for samples collected August 3, 9, and 29.
 - b) Commercial shellfishing reports – Chairman Murphy had email correspondence with Mr. Jared Macha regarding a commercial clamming license. He was directed to the SSC website and the Connecticut Bureau of Aquaculture. Steve Plant reported excellent growth and record sales this year. Will MacKay reported full cages as he awaits the next opening. Garrett Timmons reported good seed growth and manageable seaweed.
 - c) Set the opening and closing dates, catch limits, and permit prices for the 2021-2022 scallop season in Town of Stonington waters – A motion to maintain fees, open the season at sunrise October 9, 2021, and close the season at sunset March 31, 2022 (Raffo/Banister) was approved unanimously.

- d) Equipment – The Warden protected the SSC boat well during recent weather events. Progress on connecting the SSC rain gauge to the internet is ongoing.
- e) Enforcement – no report
- f) Financial review; collections and bills – Don Raffo reported that income this year was lower than projected.
- 8) New Business – none
- 9) Adjournment – A motion to adjourn (Moore/Raffo) was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Austin P. Clark
Secretary