

Minutes of the August 15, 2012 Meeting of the Shellfish Committee revised for clarity. \*

The Minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee as amended by the Shellfish Committee on September 19, 2012. \*

### Shellfish Committee Minutes of the Meeting

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**DATE:** August 15, 2012  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** Barnstable Senior Center

**Shellfish Committee Members present:**

Stuart Rapp, Richard Haskell, Bob Lancaster, Gerard Ganey, Andre Sampou, Matt Ostrowski, Les Hemmila

**General Public present:**

Ann Canedy, William Clark, Thomas Daly, Michelle Dunn, Hank Farnham, Conrad Geysler, Gail Hart, Peter Jasin, Richard Kraus, Spiro Mitrokostats, Margaret Nichol, Robyn Peterson, Pat Princi, Terrie Reilly, Seth Rolbein, David Still II, Albert Suprenant, Sue Talin, Lynn Poyant Norman White, Jim Wilson, Mark Wirtanen,

**Town Council Liaison:**

June Daley

**NR Staff present:**

Doug Kalweit, Tom Marcotti

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**Chairman's Report:**

Stuart Rapp chaired the August 15, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

The Shellfish Committee adopted the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting of the Shellfish Committee.

Stuart informed the committee and the general public that a membership position is available on the Shellfish Committee for the interested public.

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**Natural Resources Report:**

• **MA Division of Marine Fisheries Contaminated Quahog Relay Area Openings:**

The following contaminated quahog relay areas are open to shellfishing as of **Sunday, September 23, 2012** per order of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries:

Cordwood Landing Relay Area (Northern Point) (DMF/SC 21.21) is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay located within the area defined by the "No Shellfishing" sign/post located on the shore at 721 Old Post Road to the NR "No Shellfishing" sign/buoy located offshore to the green navigational buoy at the southern end of the Cotuit Narrows to the "No Shellfishing" sign/post located on the shore at 797 Old Post Road.

Cotuit Bay Relay Area (DMF/SC 21.22) is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay between the "No Shellfishing" sign/post located along the shoreline at 884 Main Street extending to the "NR" sign/buoys located off shore. **Effective until Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, commercial shellfishing is prohibited within the Cotuit Bay Relay Area.**

Bluff Point Relay Area (DMF/SC 21.20) is defined as: the waters and shoreline of that portion of Cotuit Bay southwest of an imaginary line drawn from the end of the pier at 124 Bluff Point Drive to a "No Shellfishing" sign/post along the western shore of Cotuit Bay at 996 Main Street, Cotuit, MA.

Outer Hyannis Harbor Relay Area (DMF/SC 27.25) is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Outer Hyannis Harbor from the "No Shellfishing" sign at the pier at 10 Hyannis Avenue to the "No Shellfishing" sign at the pier at 85 Ocean Avenue and 250 seaward from the signs.

- **MA Division of Marine Fisheries Shellfish Area Reclassification and Opening:**

NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TOWN OF BARNSTABLE SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT OPENING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF BARNSTABLE SHELLFISH REGULATION 407-8G and 407-15F

**Effective Sunday, September 23, 2012** the Cotuit Narrows (DMF/SC : 21.1) as defined is **open** to the harvest of all shellfish and seaworms.

The Cotuit Narrows (DMF / SC 21.1)

"The Cotuit Narrows is defined as the waters and flats of Cotuit Bay in the Town of Barnstable, south of a line drawn from Point Isabella to the north tip of Grand Island and north of a line drawn between the two "NO SHELLFISHING" signs posted on opposite banks located at the Cotuit Narrows."

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Old

**Business**

Stuart informed the committee and the general public that a membership position is available on the Shellfish Committee for the interested public.

As part of a plan by the Shellfish Committee to develop a summer shellfishery program, the Natural Resources Office has scheduled to open the following two contaminated quahog relay areas at a yet to be determined day during May of 2013 (pending approval by DMF).

Hyannis Harbor Relay Area (DMF/SC27.22)

The Hyannis Harbor Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline of that portion of Hyannis Harbor between the Hyannisport Yacht Club pier and the pier located at 10 Hyannis Avenue, and from the seaward end of the Hyannisport Yacht Club pier to the offshore sign/buoy located seaward of the pier at 10 Hyannis Avenue.

West Bay Relay Area (DMF / SC 22.21)

The West Bay Relay Area is defined as: the waters, flats and shoreline within an area between the "No Shellfishing" sign / post located on the shore at 116 South Bay Road and the "No Shellfishing" sign /post located at the pier at 58 South Bay Road to the "NR" sign buoys located offshore.

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**New Business**

- **Presentation by William Clark of the Cape Cod Extension Service regarding the County of Barnstable purchase of Aquacultural Research Corporation property.**

William Clark, Executive Director of the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension Service presented the proposal of Barnstable County to purchase the Aquacultural Research Corporation (ARC) property at Chapin Beach, Dennis, MA.. to the Shellfish Committee and the general public. The Shellfish Committee recently toured the property and facilities. Mr. Clark explained that the intent of the purchase would be to acquire the property and facilities in order to secure, in perpetuity, a shellfish hatchery production site and facility for the economic benefit of the shellfish aquaculture industry and public shellfisheries of Barnstable County and the region. ARC is currently a major shellfish seed supplier for the shellfish aquaculture industry as well as the municipal shellfish propagation programs of Cape Cod and the region. Mr. Clark presented a proposal that Barnstable

County would collect an annual fee \* **categorically** from recreational shellfishermen (\$10) and commercial shellfishermen (\$50) and licensed shellfish aquaculturists (\$50) for approx. twenty years to pay for the property and lease the production facilities for private economic operations. \* **Only one and the highest fee would be collected from the three categorical licenses, regardless of how many licenses are held by any individual.** The Shellfish Committee and the general public discussed numerous and various issues, details and questions of the plans and proposals with Mr. Clark and representatives of ARC.

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- **Shellfish Aquaculture License Renewal Applications**

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The Shellfish Committee reviewed and discussed the shellfish aquaculture license renewal application of Conrad Geyser and passed a motion recommending that his license be renewed by the Town Manager. Conrad Geyser's shellfish aquaculture site is located in Nantucket Sound (site sg009; 5.7 acres). A public

hearing for the proposed renewal application was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the Selectman's Conference Room, Town Hall Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

\* **Stuart Rapp recused himself from the discussion of the license renewal of Mr. C. Geyser.**