

**STONINGTON SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING**

9 September 2008

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on this date at 7:00 PM at the Town of Stonington meeting room at 808 Stonington Rd., Stonington, CT. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Donald Raffo, and Mr. Donald L. Murphy, Chairman.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Banister to approve the minutes of the 06 August 2008 minutes as amended. Mr. Raffo seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Business

1) *Conditional Shellfishing Areas*

- a) Area A and Outer Quiambaug Cove were closed 1-3 August, open 4-5 August, closed 6-13 August, and open 14-31 August. Area B was closed the entire month of August per the MOU.
- b) Mr. Murphy noted that Greenhaven Marina is now selling our shellfishing permits.
- c) The shellfish map has been modified to make it clear that Area B is closed during the summer season.

2) *Enforcement/Equipment*

- a) The commission's boat is docked at the Wadawanuck Club dock. It rode out Tropical Storm Hanna well.

3) *Set regulations, permit fee, and opening date for 2008/2009 Scallop season.*

- a) Mr. Raffo made a **motion** to open the 2008/2009 scallop season at sunrise on Saturday, 11 October 2008 and close at sunset 31 March 2009; all regulations and permit fees remain the same as 07/08.

4) *Scallop Enhancement Project in Little Narragansett Bay*

- a) Mr. Murphy reported that he discussed with project coordinator Jon Mitchell the possibility of leaving aquaculture gear in the water until mid October. The commission discussed the fact that the gear might be in the water at the beginning of the scallop season, with consensus that this would not be a problem.
- b) Mr. Banister proposed a small experiment with over-wintering adult scallops at the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club (SHYC) dock, mainly to keep the student volunteers engaged over the winter and also to maintain our interactions with the SHYC. Mr. Banister will approach Jon Mitchell with the idea.
- c) Mr. Murphy will power-wash gear when it comes out of the water, but will need to find winter storage.

5) *Summary of Commercial Activities*

- a) No report

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Raffo made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Banister made a second and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Murphy, Chairman