

Dec. 07, '10, Regular Monthly Provincetown Shellfish Meeting

Called to Order : 5:05 Members present: Alex Brown (Chair.), John Baldwin (Sec.), Paul Tasha, Rick Macara. Absent: Mel Cote, Nancy Meads.

Also Present : Provincetown Shellfish Constable Tony Jackett. Owen Nichols (Center for Coastal Studies, Liaison). Bob Hazard (Public Observer).

Previous Minutes : **Motion** by Alex Brown to accept December minutes as corrected by Tony Jackett. Second, Paul Tasha. Vote 4-0 to accept.

Constable's Report : Will open Hatches Harbor flats when approval from the Commonwealth arrives, probably at the end of the month. West End flats are still producing, but East End is sort of disappointing; this sometimes happens with big winds and high tides. On December 5th, Sunday, there was a small turnout.

Liaison Report Owen Nichols. Met with Meagan Torelli, National Seashore. There's a funding opportunity with a Gulf of Maine Grant involving larvae measurements. At last week's Mass. Maritime Meeting Mike Hickey, Chief Commoneath Biologist, was very pleased with the Sustainable Community Grant project and the project mapping. There was never more than one surf clam per quadrant and no eelgrass. 25 acres on each side of town line was surveyed.

Motion by Paul Tasha: to strongly NOT recommend mechanical sweeping of the beaches due to environmental consequences detrimental to shellfish habitat. Second, John Baldwin. Discussion. Vote to accept, 4-0.

Next meeting, January, will be on the 4th of the month, Tuesday.

Motion to Adjourn: by Alex Brown. Second, Rick Macara. Vote 4-0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 6:10.

John Baldwin, Secretary.