



## MINUTES OF SHELLFISH COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Draft

**Present:** Roger Bowgen, Sue Baker, Bill Grempe, Joan Seguin, Devan Shulby, Chris Coccaro, Bill Cameron, Jonathan Stone

**Guests:** Jay Louden, Steve Kinner, Jardar Nygaard, Jeri Pinkowski, John Pinkowski

**Absent:** Rick Kral

Minutes of November 2018 meeting accepted

Treasurers Report: B Grempe - still awaiting remaining income from Atlantic Clam Farms from 2018 clamming. R Bowgen to follow up with Ed Stilwagen

Coordinators report: J Louden - The Commission is behind in overall required sampling runs for 2018 as a result of weather conditions but has until the end of the first quarter to make up these numbers.

Steve Kinner was introduced as the new Captain (replacing Kim Bruce)

Clam/Seed issues in Greenwich Cove: new clam set remains low, not only in Greenwich Cove but also in CT waters in general. Atlantic Clam farms believes this is a temporary situation and expects a rebound in the next 12/24 months

Atlantic Clam farms will not harvest in the Cove during 2019 to allow the clam population to recover

2018 Oyster set has been very strong in certain areas, especially around Greenwich Point. Shellfishing

Demonstration: Dates will be set for public Shellfishing Demonstrations at the next meeting to avoid cancellations due to expected inclement weather in January and February.

The sale of Shellfishing Permits at Sportsmans' Den should resume at the end of January.

The Town Financial department is resolving the issue with the Town Clerks office. Sportsmans' Den is aware of this progress.

UCONN. the Fundraising meeting with the UCONN Foundation will take place on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Objective is to set a date/time/Guest List etc. for the Fundraising event at Greenwich Point.

NOAA – due to the Federal Government shutdown no current updates from NOAA re next project.

Stella Mar Oyster Proposal – Greenwich Oyster Management Plan - A motion to accept the Draft Hemlock proposal for oyster management in Greenwich Waters but to limit harvest of oysters to 60pct from Chimney Corner was presented by S Baker and approved unanimously.

C Coccaro, Devan Shulby and J Seguin requested that appropriate “ control “ wording should be included to allow monitoring of the oyster offtake and to also ensure that cultch/shell is not removed.

Weir Documentary/Project: Documentary needs to be edited and finalized. Additional Oysters will be seeded at the weir, as a set did not seem to have taken place. This will be part of the Oyster Management plan with Stella

Mar.

Experience the Sound 2019: the date of June 23rd 2019 has been approved by The Town of Greenwich for the event at Greenwich Point.

PR Expansion: to be discussed further - in the meantime a contact/e mail list will be drawn up for use when promoting events.

FORD Oyster Beds - the management of these leases has now been taken over by N Bloom. RFP for the

Coastal Resiliency Assessment – this is being managed by the Greenwich Conservation Commission who will keep the Shellfish Commission fully advised and included as needed/appropriate.

There being no further/new business the meeting was adjourned at 18:45hrs.

R Bowgen