

**Shellfish Conservation Committee**  
**March 2, 2020**  
**Bristol Town Hall**

*Committee Members present: Scott Burke, David Cheney, Steve Lackovic, Ronald Poland, Steve Termine*  
*Also present: Olivia Mercier, DMR*

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

**Minutes.**

On a motion by Lackovic and a second by Burke, the minutes from February 2 were unanimously approved.

**DMR Report.**

Mercier is the current Marine Resource Specialist assigned to Bristol for water quality and biotoxin sampling. She provided a DMR Investigative Report for Bristol and South Bristol and an updated Sanitary Survey Report for Shellfish Growing Area WR which encompasses the Pemaquid River, Eastern Branch and parts of South Bristol.

Current testing sites in the WR area are along the shoreline where pollutants have a higher concentration. Mercier would like to create new testing sites further away from the shoreline. These sites would be boat access only and it is hopeful that they would provide cleaner test results. As always, the end goal is to have more harvest areas with an approved classification.

Shoreland surveys for overboard discharges also play a role in harvest area classifications. Often DMR does not have the resources to conduct these surveys.

**Conservation.**

Spring Conservation dates were set for May 9 and 10 (Saturday, 7am & Sunday, 8am) for transplant of American oysters and hard-shelled clams. The shellfish will be transplanted from the Houston Brook area in the Damariscotta River to Upper Pemaquid River.

Other ideas discussed included clam seed boxes and acquiring a federal depredation Canadian goose permit from USFWS.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 6 at 6:30 at the Town Hall.