## Shellfish Conservation Committee May 2, 2022 Bristol Town Office

*Committee Members present: Scott Burke, Dave Cheney, Steve Lackovic, Ronald Poland, Steve Termine* 

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

## Conservation.

Final dates for 2022 conservation were set for Tuesday & Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am and 12pm, respectively. H. Annis, DMR Area Biologist, will be present to help with surveying. Commercial licensees will be instructed to bring hip boots and clam rakes. Clipboards and data spreadsheets will be provided by the Committee.

The committee unanimously agreed to open Upper Pemaquid River/Schoolhouse Cove to all species. Bizarro will file the request with DMR.

South Bristol conservation efforts include berms that have been created in Poorhouse Cove. Hopefully the berms will catch clam seed with the movement of tides and currents.

Termine reported that Goose Depredation Permits could be issued at the state level. Termine spoke with Keel Kemper at ME IFW and Kemper hopes to have an approved Permit for the town of Bristol soon.

## Lower Pemaquid River Watershed Plan.

In December 2021, FB Environmental had proposed several management practices for the farm located at Pemaquid Falls, bracket sampling in Schoolhouse Cove and continued research on the Septic System Assessment. The committee unanimously agreed to not follow through with any of the work at the farm. They would prefer all grant funds to be spent on DNA sampling in Schoolhouse Cove and to include dog DNA testing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro Shellfish Committee Secretary