

Shellfish Conservation Committee
December 6, 2021
Bristol Town Hall

Committee Members present: Scott Burke, David Cheney, Steve Lackovic, Steve Termine

The meeting was called to order at 6:43pm.

Minutes.

On a motion by Lackovic and a second by Cheney, all approved the minutes from the November 1 meeting.

Housekeeping.

Lottery Plan: All approved and signed the “2022 Annual License Sale and Lottery Plan”.

Reciprocity Agreement: This was reviewed and confirmed that it only applied to commercial license holders. Recreational license holders must hold a license in each town.

Committee Officers: On a motion by Termine and seconded by Cheney, all approved Poland as the Committee Chair. On a motion by Termine and seconded by Burke, all approved Cheney as the Vice-Chair.

Warden Report.

Lackovic reported the Warden had reduced patrol hours for the time being.

Lower Pemaquid Watershed.

FB Environmental provided a written report on their DNA analysis sampling in the Pemaquid Falls. The samples did test positive for the chicken marker. The farm owner abutting the falls was consulted. He has offered to work with the Shellfish Committee with installing and/or increasing a buffer along the river’s edge. He is also working with another agency on a nutrient management plan.

Conservation.

Green crab locations and where to set traps was discussed. There was discussion about increasing the size of the permanent closure within Bristol’s shellfish management area.

Student License.

It was discussed whether student commercial licenses should be terminated when the harvester ‘ages out’ or should the student automatically qualify for an adult commercial license and a commercial license be allocated for the individual (as is the current process). The DMR area biologist had been consulted but had not given any specific guidance on the matter. If the student license is to terminate, all agreed that individual would be given top priority when a commercial license became available. The

Phippsburg Shellfish Ordinance was reviewed for ideas on priority license sales. There is currently no intention to change the current process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30 at the Town Hall. Agenda items to Include: 2022 Spring Conservation

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bizarro
Shellfish Committee Secretary