RHODE ISLAND MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL

Shellfish Advisory Panel November 25, 2014, 4:30 pm Warwick Public Library, Room 101 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI

Meeting Minutes

RIMFC Members Present: J. Grant (Chair)

SAP Members Present: M. McGiveney; D. Ghigliotty

Scientific Advisor Present: D. Leavitt

DEM: J. Mercer

New Business:

1. Discussion of 2014-2015 Greenwich Bay Winter Management Area schedule Mercer gave a presentation on the concerns that F&W have about an apparent continued decrease in abundance of quahogs in the Greenwich Bay Winter Management Area. He stated that the evidence is not strong enough yet to recommend against the Winter Management Schedule approved at the August 27, 2014 meeting but F&W will continue to monitor the area and welcome suggestions for increasing abundance in the area. There was discussion about potential options in particular relaying quahogs into the area. No votes were taken.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Prepared by: Jeff Mercer