

Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council
SHELLFISH ADVISORY PANEL
Wednesday, April 27, 2016
Fort Wetherill Marine Laboratory
3 Fort Wetherill Road, Jamestown, RI

MEETING MINUTES

RIMFC members present: J. Grant (SAP Chair)

SAP members present: K. Eagan; J. Gardner; R. Tellier; D. Leavitt

CRMC: D. Beutel

DEM: C. McManus; P. Duhamel; W. Helt

Public: Applicants and the general public (7 people)

1. CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-02-051 Franford and Huggins, Pt. Judith Pond;

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal. The applicants followed Dave's overview with brief comments for further site description and activity plans. **A motion was made by *J. Gardner* to recommend no objection to the application; 2nd by *R. Tellier*. The motion passed 3 – 0.**

2. CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-03-024 Arnoux, Ninigret Pond;

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal. The applicants followed Dave's overview with brief comments for further site description and activity plans. **A motion was made by *J. Gardner* to recommend no objection to the application; 2nd by *K. Eagan*. The motion passed 3 – 0.**

3. Description of Sea Grant Fishermen-Based Quahog Research Fleet Project

D. Leavitt provided background and description of an upcoming Sea Grant funded project working with commercial shellfishermen to sample quahogs in Narragansett Bay. The project is a collaboration between the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation (CFRF), Roger Williams University (RWU) and RI DEM. The discussion did not require any voting.

Prepared by: C. McManus