

Shellfish Advisory Panel
February 22, 2017, 4:30PM
URI Bay Campus, Coastal Institute Building, Hazard Room
218 S Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02874

MEETING MINUTES

RIMFC members: J. Grant (SAP Chair)

DEM DFW: C. McManus; W. Helt; J. Livermore; J. McNamee;

SAP members: K. Eagan; M. McGiveney; R. Tellier; G. Schey; D. Ghigliotty

Public: Michael Monteforte Sr.; Ronald Keaton Jr.; Dave Beutel; Ian Campbell; Matt Behan;

Review of Aquaculture Applications

CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-10-100, Behan, Ninigret Pond;

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal. The applicant followed Dave's overview with brief comments from the SAP for further site description and activity plans. **A motion was made by K. Eagan to recommend no objection to the application; 2nd by M. McGiveney. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-10-101, Behan, Ninigret Pond;

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal. The applicant followed Dave's overview with brief comments from the SAP for further site description and activity plans. **A motion was made by G. Schey to recommend no objection to the application; 2nd by M. McGiveney. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2016-11-053, Mooresfield, Pt. Judith Pond;

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal. The applicant followed Dave's overview with brief comments from the SAP for further site description and activity plans. **A motion was made by R. Tellier to recommend no objection to the application; 2nd by M. McGiveney. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application: CRMC File # 2017-01-007, Roebuck, Pt. Judith Pond

D. Beutel provided a brief overview of the proposal. In his notes, he stated that an eelgrass survey and quahog density assessment had not been conducted yet. *D. Beutel* and *M. Bradley* will be doing eelgrass and quahog surveys after July 1, 2017. The SAP members asked for a vote on this site be postponed until the site assessment information becomes available. No vote was taken regarding this site, and will be reviewed at a future SAP meeting.

Review of New Prospective Shellfish Management Areas (SMAs)

Providence and Seekonk Rivers

C. McManus provided a brief overview of the DEM DFW proposal. Discussion was held on the differences in DEM OWR and DFW authority and management of shellfish resources, as well as how amendments to the prospective SMA harvest plan would be conducted. **A motion was made by *M. McGiveney* for the DEM DFW option for the proposed Providence and Seekonk River Shellfish Management Area; 2nd by *D. Ghigliotty*. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

Warren River

C. McManus provided a brief overview of the DEM DFW and Industry proposals. *K. Eagan* and *D. Ghigliotty* expressed concern over the DEM DFW option given current fishing activity in the DEM DFW proposal area. **A motion was made by *M. McGiveney* for the Industry option for the Warren River Shellfish Management Area to only include the polluted waters of the DEM DFW proposal; 2nd by *K. Eagan*. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

Town Pond

C. McManus provided a brief overview of the DEM DFW proposal. **A motion was made by *M. McGiveney* for the DEM DFW option for the proposed Town Pond Shellfish Management Area; 2nd by *R. Tellier*. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

Narrow River

C. McManus provided a brief overview of the DEM DFW proposal. **A motion was made by *G. Schey* for the DEM DFW option for the proposed Town Pond Shellfish Management Area; 2nd by *M. McGiveney*. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

Green Hill

C. McManus provided a brief overview of the DEM DFW proposal. **A motion was made by *M. McGiveney* for the DEM DFW option for the proposed Town Pond Shellfish Management Area; 2nd by *K. Eagan*. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

Little Narragansett Bay and Pawcatuck River

C. McManus provided a brief overview of the DEM DFW proposal. *K. Eagan* suggested that for consistency with the Warren River proposal, that the SMA should only include polluted waters and that the segment from the pollution line to Napatree point/barrier island be removed from the SMA. *R. Keaton Jr.* supported this suggestion, and described the open portion of the DEM DFW proposal. **A motion was made by *K. Eagan* for an amended DEM DFW proposal of only including the polluted waters, with the western boundary of the proposal being the current pollution line and other boundaries (e.g. along land and river) remaining the same; 2nd by *M. McGiveney*. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

Review of Prospective Shellfish Management Area Amendment

Bristol Harbor

C. McManus provided a brief overview of the DEM DFW proposal. *K. Eagan* was concerned about the DEM DFW proposal given it would make it harder for industry to discern the boundary when on the water. **A motion was made by *K. Eagan* for status quo; 2nd by *G. Schey*. The motion passed 5 – 0.**

This concluded *C. McManus*'s presentation. Since there was no other business, J. Grant adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by: C. McManus