



TOWN OF TRURO
Shellfish Advisory Committee
P.O. Box 2030, Truro, MA 02666-2030

TRURO SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) MINUTES

THURSDAY JUNE 13, 2024 - 4:00 PM. IN-PERSON MEETING

SAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Smith (Chair), Gary Sharpless (Vice-Chair), Chris Clark (Secretary) Mark Wisotzky, Steve Mundree (Alternate), Jim Sloman (Alternate)

SAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Brown

OTHERS PRESENT: Tony Jackett – Shellfish Constable

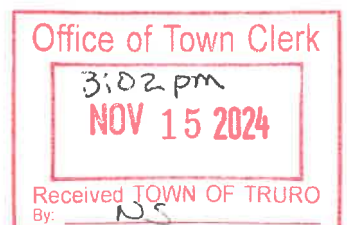
CALL TO ORDER: 4:03 pm

REVIEW AND APPROVE May 2024 MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made by Jim and seconded by Steve. Motion carried 3-0-2.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motions were made for the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary roles for the committee during FY-2025. Gary made a motion for Dan to continue as Chair and was seconded by Chris. Motion carried 4-0-1. Jim made a motion for Gary to continue as Vice-Chair and was seconded by Steve. Motion carried 4-0-1. Dan made a motion for Steve to serve as secretary and was seconded by Gary. Motion carried 4-0-1.

UPDATE ON SHELLFISH INVENTORIES IN THE PAMET & RESTOCKING PLANS: Tony Jackett – Shellfish Constable provided an update on shellfish inventory levels within the Pamet Harbor as well as restocking plans for the year. He reported that shellfish inventories are in fine shape. The specific details of restocking are as follows:

- 300 bushels (+/-135,000) quahogs were distributed around the Pamet. These quahogs came from the Taunton River.
- Remote set of oysters from ARC (+/-100,000) – they will be held next to the boat ramps until fall. At that time, they will be placed through the harbor.
- Quahog seed will be purchased from ARC. The seed will be +/- ½” and spread throughout the harbor basin.



DISCUSS & DEVELOP A TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR A SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN: Dan discussed the idea of developing a Shellfish Management Plan to be used as a tool or guide for managing the aquaculture resources that are present in Truro. Discussion ensued and the members agreed that it would be a valuable tool. A concern about using the term "Management Plan" was raised and discussed. Members agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting and make a specific name determination at a later time.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

- Member Status: Prior to the election of officers the members had a discussion about potential status changes in order to adequately fill the seats on the committee for FY 2025. Chris agreed to change his status from Full member to an Alternate. Steve agreed to accept a change of his status from Alternate to Full member.
- The status of the Revolving Fund was discussed and clarified. The details are as follows:
 - o The Revolving Fund is available for use by the Shellfish Constable, with approval of the Town Manager.
 - o The funds can be used for Shellfish Propagation Efforts
 - o The Total Annual Expenditure cannot exceed \$2000 in any fiscal year.
 - o Funding of up to \$2000 per fiscal year is possible and based upon receipts collected from shellfishing licenses.

The committee discussed the annual spending cap currently in place. Changing the limit would require approval at an ATM. The maximum annual expenditure must be a number and not simply a term such as the balance of the fund.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Soft Shell Clam Planting
- Recreational Shellfishing Fees
- Grant Opportunities
- Amend Revolving Fund Annual Expenditure Limit

MOTION TO ADJOURN. 5:23 PM. Gary made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Jim. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

11/15/24

Dan Smith on behalf of Chris Clark - Secretary

