

Truro Shellfish Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes  
Friday 9 February 2024 – 2:30 PM  
In-person Meeting Truro Town Hall



SAC Members Present; Dan Smith (Chair), Gary Sharpless (Vice-Chair), Nick Brown, Mark Wisotzky, Chris Clark (Secretary), Steve Munde (alternate), Jim Sloman (alternate)

SAC Members Absent: none

Others Present: Robert Weinstein; Select Board representative to the SAC, Tony Jackett Truro Harbormaster and Shellfish Constable

Call to Order 2:30 PM

Review and approval of meeting minutes for 11 August 2023. Gary Sharpless made motion to approve and Nick Brown seconded and Motion carried 5-0-0

Dan Smith led the SAC's continued discussion reviewing revisions to Regulations for Commercial Aquaculture Licenses (adopted by the Select Board on 20 March 2012 with amendments through 14 July 2025). The majority of the meeting was devoted to this topic: discussing edits and revisions to the Regulations for Commercial Aquaculture Licenses document, primarily those suggested by SAC Chair Dan Smith. Select Board representative Weinstein provided multiple affirmations and valuable suggestions to these discussions.

Gary Sharpless reported that the Truro Shellfish Revolving fund currently has a balance of \$4,000 that can be used in whole or in part for 2024 shellfish propagation. He suggested that the current budget that Ton Jacket has for 2024, but we may want to commit some monies for about 25,000 soft shell clam (steamers) seed propagation in the fall of 2024.

The SAC discussed updated information on the status of financial resources and primary objectives of the shellfishing in 2024, both commercial and recreational. This included existing and available county and state monies for shellfish propagation within Truro harbor (quahogs, steamers, and oysters) and opportunities for quahogs in the Bay. SAC members offered unanimous statements explicitly praising Truro Shellfish Constable Tony Jackett's exceptional capabilities for growing and maintaining the shellfish capacity of Truro Harbor.

Other new business ideas, given by individual members with knowledge of a topic, included

- a) Signage within Truro harbor and along Truro beaches,
- b) Truro Shellfish Management Plan, and
- c) ADA information and potential for SAC to take over a grant for research & propagation

Dan Smith made a Motion to Adjourn at 4:10 pm; seconded by Mark Wisotsky. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approved by SAC 05/23/24  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dan Smith", written over the text "Approved by SAC 05/23/24".