

NEW JERSEY SHELLFISHERIES COUNCIL		Delaware Bay Section
	<i>Meeting Minutes</i>	

Meeting Name	Monthly Meeting of NJ Shellfisheries Council - Delaware Bay Section		
Meeting Date	April 14, 2009		
Meeting Time	6:00 PM		
Venue	Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory	City	Bivalve, NJ
Attendees	General Public		

Council	State Representatives	Haskin Research Lab
Warren Hollinger, Cumberland Co.	James W. Joseph, DFW Shellfisheries	John Kraeuter, Assoc. Director
Scott Bailey, Cumberland Co.	Russell Babb, DFW Shellfisheries	Kathy Alcox, Field Scientist
Steven Fleetwood, Cumberland Co.	Craig Tomlin, DFW Shellfisheries	
Cape May / Salem Co. – Vacant		
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Compliance with the Sunshine Law	Notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of State's Office, State House, Trenton, NJ and the Bridgeton Evening News, The Press, and Daily Journal pursuant to L. 1975 c. 231.	April 6, 2009
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Minutes	
September 2008	Chairman Hollinger made a motion to approve the September 2009 Council minutes. Councilman Fleetwood seconded the motion.
October 2008	Chairman Hollinger made a motion to approve the October 2009 Council minutes. Councilman Fleetwood seconded the motion.

November 2008	Chairman Hollinger made a motion to approve the November 2009 Council minutes. Councilman Fleetwood seconded the motion.
February 2009	As these minutes were presented at the April 2009 Council meeting, and due to inadequate review time, a decision on the February minutes would be held-over until the next scheduled meeting.

Revenue collected for February totaled \$4,305.00. This revenue collected is itemized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab License	\$400.00	Recreational Shellfish License	\$150.00
Delaware Bay Crab Dredge License	\$600.00	Map Fees	\$35.00
Atlantic Coast Crab Dredge License	\$100.00	Net License	\$2,330.00
Commercial Shellfish License	\$300.00	Application Fees	\$90.00
Otter Trawl License	\$300.00		

Revenue collected for March totaled \$8,428.00. This revenue collected is itemized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab License	\$1,800.00	Otter Trawl License	\$102.00
Delaware Bay Crab Dredge License	\$700.00	Assignment Fees	\$75.00
Atlantic Coast Crab Dredge License	\$300.00	Map Fees	\$14.00
Commercial Shellfish License	\$400.00	Net License	\$4,205.00
Recreational Shellfish License	\$150.00	Oyster Dredge Vessel License Fees	\$544.00
Juvenile Shellfish License	\$6.00	Application Fees	\$132.00

Oyster Resource Development Account as of:

<i>April 5, 2009</i>		
Total Unexpended	\$694,328.71	Total dollars currently in account
Encumbered	\$142,540.40	Amount obligated to cover int. transplant costs - (5) participants
Pre-encumbered	\$200,000.00	Amount set-aside for preparation of term contract development
Uncommitted	\$351,788.31	Current free-balance

Oyster Dredge Vessel Transactions

For Council's information, Todd McConnell transferred the oyster dredge vessel NJ5163FF and license number three (3) to Robert Robbins.

Shellfish Leased Ground Transactions	None*
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**The proceeding leased ground transfers were inadvertently omitted from the April 14, 2009 meeting agenda. The Council acted on the transfers despite this omission. Councilman Fleetwood made a motion to accept all leased ground transactions. Chairman Hollinger seconded the motion.*

William H. Riggin transferred the following grounds to William P. Riggin II & Son:

Lot#	Sec.	Acre	Lot#	Sec.	Acre
57	B	34	573	C	57
9	C	31	193	D	10
49	C	26	208	D	12
314	C	12	289	D	20
344	C	14	302	D	26
404	C	18	458	D	38

William H. Riggin transferred the following grounds to William P. Riggin II:

Lot#	Sec.	Acre	Lot#	Sec.	Acre
91	B	41	85	C	15
246	B	28	149	C	37

James Tweed transferred the following ground to Atlantic Cape Fisheries, Inc.:

Lot#	Sec.	Acre
160	A	197

Geoffrey Carr transferred the following ground to Atlantic Cape Fisheries, Inc.:

Lot#	Sec.	Acre
24	A	96

Old Business

Direct Market Program Summary

Mr. Babb stated that he did not have much to report given that the season had only been open for one week and all of the harvest had come from the Shellrock seed bed. He stated that there were a total of 79 boats that signed up to harvest this season.

Intermediate Transplant Summary

Ms. Alcox stated that the intermediate transplant program had been completed and that the Haskin Laboratory was in the process of completing the data work-up from the samples that were collected by the Bureau of Shellfisheries. She added that the transplant from the Middle seedbed to Bennies had been completed and that the program had reached 97 percent of its target. She added that the Arnolds to Bennies transplant was ongoing. Mr. Tomlin stated that despite the lousy weather, the transplant should end on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. A

lengthy discussion ensued over the next transplant and the anticipated increase in quota. Mr. Babb stated that the area that received the transplant was projected to open 30 days after the final transplant day because the originating beds were located in special restricted waters. Councilman Fleetwood asked for the increased quota to be available as soon as possible. Mr. Babb stated that the quota should be available for purchase during the week of April 20, 2009. Mr. Babb noted that if the next transplant (from the very low mortality beds) produced additional quota it would be combined with the any remitted quota (from July 7, 2009 deadline) prior to distribution. He reminded those in attendance that July 7, 2009 was the last day for participants to purchase a minimum of 600 tags in order to remain eligible for the balance of the initial allocations or any additional quota. A lengthy conversation ensued over the continuation of the intermediate transplant program.

Leasing Committee

Chairman Hollinger stated that the Delaware Bay Council's Leasing Committee recently had a meeting where they reviewed the Aquaculture Advisory Council's (AAC) Leasing Committee report. He added that he had compiled the committee's comments on the document and submitted them to John Maxwell (chair of the Atlantic Coast Shellfisheries Council). He opined that once the Atlantic Coast Leasing Committee had reviewed the document, a final recommendation document would be returned to the AAC.

New Business

Proposed Wind Farm – Delaware Bay

Mr. Hollinger stated that Delsea Energy Company, Inc. has proposal in preparation to investigate the feasibility of constructing a windmill farm in the Delaware Bay on or near the oyster seedbeds. A lengthy conversation ensued. Mr. Joseph stated that he would collect more information about this issue prior to the next Council Meeting. He stated that at this time he did not believe that an official proposal had even been submitted to the Department. He further stated that he would contact the Department's Land Use Regulation Program advising them to alert the bureau should this proposal be submitted for Departmental review.

Adjournment

Councilman Fleetwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm. Chairman Hollinger seconded the motion.

The next meeting of the Delaware Bay Shell Fisheries Council would be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. in the library of the Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory.