

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

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Monthly Meeting of NJ Shellfisheries Council - Delaware Bay Section		
<b>Meeting Date</b>	July 7, 2009		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	6:00 PM		
<b>Venue</b>	Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory	<b>City</b>	Bivalve, NJ
<b>Attendees</b>	General Public		

<b>Council</b>	<b>State Representatives</b>	<b>Haskin Research Lab</b>
Warren Hollinger, Cumberland Co.	Russell Babb, DFW Shellfisheries	David Bushek, Research Professor
Steven Fleetwood, Cumberland Co.	Craig Tomlin, DFW Shellfisheries	
Richard Malinowski, Salem Co.	Jason Hearon, DFW Shellfisheries	
Cape May / Salem Co. – Vacant	Bob Connell, Marine Water Monitoring	
	Gary Wolf, US Food & Drug Admin.	

<b>Compliance with the Sunshine Law</b>	Notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of State's Office, State House, Trenton, NJ and the Bridgeton Evening News, and Daily Journal pursuant to L. 1975 c. 231.	June 16, 2009
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<b>Minutes</b>	
April 2009	<b>Chairman Hollinger made a motion to approve the April 2009 minutes. All were in favor.</b>

Revenue collected for April totaled \$57,131.00. This revenue collected is itemized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab License	\$3,900.00	Cultch Fees	\$47,022.00
Atlantic Coast Crab Dredge License	\$200.00	Dealers License	\$100.00
Commercial Shellfish License	\$390.00	Map Fees	\$14.00
Recreational Shellfish License	\$130.00	Net License	\$4,841.00
Juvenile Shellfish License	\$2.00	Application Fees	\$198.00
Oyster Dredge Boat License	\$334.00		

Oyster Resource Development Account as of:

<i>July 7, 2009</i>		
<b>Unexpended</b>	\$689,870.57	Total dollars currently in account
<b>Expended</b>	\$85,955.06	Spent from account during FY'09
<b>Pre-encumbered</b>	0.00*	Amount previously set-aside for preparation of term contracts (cancelled)
<b>Encumbered</b>	\$265,345.00	Amount obligated to vendors or planned services (e.g., contracting, transplants)
<b>Uncommitted</b>	\$424,525.17	Current free-balance (not obligated/encumbered to specific vendors, etc.)

\*\$200,000.00 was previously "pre-encumbered" by Dept. of Treasury in preparation of development of "requisition" for shell planting services. This amount was since moved to the "encumbered" section to be used for term contract preparation during FY'10.

**Oyster Dredge Vessel Transactions**

For Council's information, John W. King transferred the oyster dredge vessel *Grampa's Girl's* and the oyster dredge boat license No. 97 to Jenny King.

For Council's information, Eric Andersen transferred the oyster dredge vessel *Laura A* and the oyster dredge boat license No. 100 to Lemuel Robbins.

**1. Old Business**

*Direct Market Update*

Mr. Tomlin stated that through 12 weeks of fishing approximately 30,000 bushels (bu.) had been harvested. He noted that 441 days had been fished and the average CPUE was 64 bu. Mr. Tomlin informed the Council that over 70 percent of the total harvest had come from Shell Rock and he added that Shell Rock would be closing on Friday, July 10, 2009 at 11 a.m.

*Intermediate Transplant Summary*

Mr. Hearon stated that an intermediate transplant had occurred from June 16 through June 22, which moved oysters from Hope Creek to Ship John. He stated that three oyster dredge boats had participated and moved a total of 9,100 bu. of oysters. He also noted that on average each bushel transplanted contained 621 oysters. This translated into an additional 98 bu. per boat increase to quotas.

*Tag Purchase Deadline*

Mr. Babb stated that 79 boats originally expressed interest in the 2009 season and that 79 boats purchased their initial 600-tag allotment by the tag purchase deadline. He noted that there were no remitted tags by the deadline. Therefore, there would be no increase in quota.

*Commercial Township Shell Planting Program*

Mr. Hearon stated that as of July 7, 2009 the program had planted just under 60,000 bushels of shell and that the program would likely plant an additional 100,000 bushels of shell upbay. He noted that this program would be planting an additional 15,000 bushels of shell in the Maurice River Cove. He stated that the upbay areas that would receive shell are all areas that were recommended by the SARC (i.e., Shellrock, Bennies Sand, and Nantuxent).

*Vibrio Control Program*

Mr. Wolf stated that the new *Vibrio* Control Program had gone very well to date. He mentioned that the improvements he had seen were very good. However, he stated that the tagging of product needed to be improved during transport from the dock to the dealer. A lengthy conversation ensued. Mr. Wolf stated that if bushel bags from the same harvest area were "containerized" on a single pallet (wrapped with fencing/netting/saran wrap around the bushel bags) that that "lot" only needed to have one digger's tag attached. He said that if the bags are not "containerized" then each bag needed a digger tag. Mr. Connell stated that he had also been very pleased with the progress he had seen with industry cooperation during the first part of the season.

**2. New Business**

*Aquaculture Advisory Committee*

Mr. Myers stated that the Aquaculture Advisory Committee meeting would be held on Friday, July 10 2009. A lengthy conversation ensued over the issue of ADZ leasing guidelines.

*Oyster Management Rule*

Mr. Babb stated that he had received two comments on the current rule proposal and that the end of the comment period would be July 30, 2009.

*Dermo Update*

Mr. Bushek stated that Dermo levels were normal for the time of year. He stated that no NOAA stimulus package money would be granted to the Delaware Bay. He noted that The Nature Conservancy released a report that stated that 85% of shellfish reefs around the globe were endangered and that shellfish reefs in the Delaware Bay are at risk. A lengthy conversation ensued.

*New Appointment to Delaware Bay Section*

Chairman Hollinger welcomed R. Malinowski back to the NJ Shellfisheries Council.

*Adjournment*

Adjournment was not audible. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskin Shellfish Lab.