

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

Meeting Name	Monthly Meeting of NJ Shellfisheries Council - Delaware Bay Section		
Meeting Date	November 13, 2014		
Meeting Time	6:00 PM		
Venue	Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory	City	Bivalve, NJ
Attendees	General Public		

Council	State/Fed Representatives	Haskin Research Lab
Warren Hollinger, Cumberland Co.	Russell Babb, Acting Chief*	David Bushek, Director
Richard Malinowski, Salem Co.	Jason Hearon, DFW Shellfisheries	Kathy Alcox, Field Researcher
Scott Bailey, Cumberland Co.	Craig Tomlin, DFW Shellfisheries*	Lisa Calvo, Aquaculture Prog. Coord.
Steven Fleetwood, Cumberland Co.	Andrew Hassall, DFW Shellfisheries*	
Cape May / Salem Co. – Vacant		

Compliance with the Sunshine Law

Notice of this meeting was posted October 24, 2014 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.

Meeting minutes considered for approval: March 5, 2013, March 26, 2013, May 7, 2013, July 9, 2013, September 10, 2013, January 7, 2014, March 4, 2014, April 1, 2014, May 6, 2014, August 5, 2014

Minutes approval motioned by Councilman Hollinger, seconded by Councilman Malinowski, and approved by all in favor.

Revenue collected for August totaled \$12,309.00 and is summarized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab Pot	\$400.00	Commercial Shellfish	\$100.00
Nets	\$733.00	Recreational Shellfish	\$130.00
Application Fees	\$82.00	Juvenile Shellfish	\$2.00
AC Dredge	\$100.00	Non-Resident Shellfish	\$20.00
DB Dredge	\$100.00	Dredge Boat Renewal	\$82.00
Oyster Tags	\$10,320.00	Survey Fee	\$240.00

Revenue collected for September totaled \$17,506.00 and is summarized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab Pot	\$700.00	Commercial Shellfish	\$300.00
Nets	\$1596.00	Recreational Shellfish	\$20.00
Application Fees	\$62.00	Dredge Boat Renewal	\$60.00
DB Dredge	\$100.00	Lease Fee	\$6.00
Oyster Tags	\$14,662.00		

Revenue collected for October totaled \$6,930.00 and is summarized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab Pot	\$500.00	Commercial Shellfish	\$100.00
Nets	\$738.00	Dredge Boat Renewal	\$248.00
Application Fees	\$38.00	Lease Fee	\$62.00
DB Dredge	\$100.00	Menhaden	\$102.00
AC Dredge	\$800.00	Map Sales	\$42.00
Oyster Tags	\$3,700.00	Tonging Tags	\$500.00

Oyster Resource Development Account:

Nov 3, 2014		
Total	\$569,561.63	Budget authority less expenditures (<i>total spendable dollars currently in account</i>)
Expended	\$0.00	Total amount spent against the appropriation (<i>spent from account during FY'15</i>)
Pre-encumbered	\$0.00	Total outstanding requisitions processed against the appropriation (<i>Amount previously set-aside for preparation of term contracts - since cancelled</i>)
Encumbered	\$296,000.00	Total outstanding purchase orders processed against the appropriation (<i>Amount obligated to vendors or planned services (e.g., contracting, transplants)</i>)
Uncommitted	\$273,561.63	Amount available for pre-encumbrance, encumbrance, or expenditure (<i>Current free-balance that is not obligated/encumbered to specific vendors, etc.</i>)

Lease Ground Transactions (Decision) Councilmen Fleetwood and Bailey motioned and seconded. All approved.

Section	Lease Number	Acres	Lessee
ADZ	9B	1.5	Point Pleasant Packing
ADZ	6B	1.5	Sea Harvest Inc
ADZ	10B	1.5	F/V Lori Ann
ADZ	2B	1.5	John Burke

The lease for John Burke, ADZ 2B, was mistakenly placed under consideration by a Division of Fish and Wildlife member. The Council met after the meeting when the mistake was identified, and reassigned him for a decision which was approved.

Lease Ground Transfer Transactions – September 2, 2014

Section	Lease Number	Acres	Lessee
A	134	64	Gerald Hoffman to Bivalve Packing Co.
C	63	45	Gerald Hoffman to Bivalve Packing Co.

Lease Ground Transfer Transactions – October 17, 2014

Section	Lease Number	Acres	Lessee
E	78	12	Gary Lee to Karen Lee

Lease Ground Transfer Transactions – October 30, 2014

Section	Lease Number	Acres	Lessee
A	221	94	Marlene Jenkins to John Bradford
A	271	181	Marlene Jenkins to John Bradford

For Council’s Information

Boat transactions:

- Vessel & License - Eva Blanche #56 from Lew Shultz to Harbor House 8/12/14
- Vessel & License - Addie B #78 from Gary Robbins to Harbor House 9/22/14
- Vessel & License - Jodi Lynn #39 from Gary Robbins to Harbor House 9/24/14
- Vessel & License - Devon & Derek #47 from Bivalve Packing to Wayne Robinson 9/29/14
- Substitute Grandpa’s Girls #97 with Jody Lynn #97 10/20/14
- Vessel & License – Jody Lynn #97 from Gary Robbins to Harbor House 10/23/14

Old Business:

- Direct Market Harvest Update

Jason Hearon reminded everyone that the high mortality beds and Shell Rock had been closed for a while. He continued by stating the industry had met or slightly exceeded the total quota for those beds. Mr. Hearon made a related note that the medium mortality beds had about 1,500 bushels left for harvest prior to the day of the meeting, and that the harvest season would end on Nov. 21, 2014.

- Finalized Leasing Committee Members

Mr. Hearon recapped from the previous meeting that the Leasing Committee was to be reestablished. There was discussion since the previous meeting on who the members would have been. Councilman Hollinger added that the members selected represented both traditional and aquaculture leasing. The result was that the following people were to be on the Leasing Committee: Councilman Warren Hollinger, Councilman Steve Fleetwood, Bobby Robbins, Ned Gaines, and Brian Harmen.

Councilman Fleetwood made the motion to approve the recommendation, Councilman Hollinger seconded the motion, and all were in favor to approve the Leasing Committee members. Russell Babb was to email the members dates for a short meeting in December, and Jenny Tomko of Division of Fish and Wildlife would organize the meeting and contact the members.

New Business:

- 2015 Ground Leases & ADZ's are updated, printed and ready for signatures

Mr. Hearon encouraged people to come into the office prior to the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day if they had a ground lease or license to renew. Previously, many people wait until the last minute, and the office can become overwhelmed.

- Miscellaneous

Charles Clark posed the question of why the tonging line could not be moved to its previous position. In addition, he requested water quality samples to support why the line could be moved. Councilman Hollinger responded that it takes 3 years of water quality sampling to change the lines. The Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring had gone through 3 years of sampling, and the conditions became worse. He added that the area was downgraded from Special Restricted to Prohibited only a few months previous. Further discussion ensued.

Councilman Hollinger stated that Bruce Friedman was requested to be at the next Council Meeting to answer questions and concerns.

David Bushek stated that the Dermo prevalence had increased for October 2014, following the expected trend. The prevalence average was slightly under the long term average. Mr. Bushek also invited those who were interested to hear Gary Wolf of the Department of Health talk to growers in Cape May on December 5, 2014 about the Model Ordinance and its interpretation.

A lengthy conversation occurred about the upcoming decision to list the red knot species on the federal endangered species list. The discussion included potential impacts on the industry, and aquaculture, from regulations that could have arisen due to the red knot population relying on horseshoe crab eggs as a food source.

Adjourn	@ 07:30	PM	
The next meeting of the Council will be tentatively held on:		January 6, 2015	<u>OR</u>
			In the library of the Haskin Shellfish Laboratory