

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ATLANTIC COAST SECTION OF THE
NEW JERSEY SHELLFISHERIES COUNCIL

Virtual Meeting
May 17, 2021

Present were: Chairman: John J. Maxwell (Atlantic County)
 Councilman: Paul T. Felder (Cape May County)
 Councilman: George Mathis Jr. (Burlington County)
 Councilman: Vacant (Monmouth County)

Absent was: Vice Chairman: Walter L. Johnson III (Ocean County)

DEP Representatives: Joseph Cimino, Marine Fisheries Administration
 Russell Babb, Bureau of Shellfisheries
 Jeffrey Normant, Bureau of Shellfisheries
 Jenny Tomko, Bureau of Shellfisheries
 Megan Kelly, Bureau of Shellfisheries
 Scott Stueber, Bureau of Shellfisheries

Mr. Normant read the State's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and announced that the meeting would be recorded, and notice was filed with the Secretary of State Office.

1. Total Revenue for April 2021 \$ 3,633.54
 Shellfisheries Law Enforcement Fund \$ 674.00

2. Presentation of April 19, 2021 minutes for approval.

The April 19, 2021 minutes were tabled at the request of Mr. Maxwell since Mr. Johnson was not present at this meeting and he was not present at the April meeting.

3. Leases Vacated – by Lessee

LESSEE	LOT #	SECTION	FT	LOCATION	MAP #
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	2400	B	1160	Motts Creek	
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	2401	B	825	Motts Creek	
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	2402	B	2700	Motts Creek	
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	2407	B	940	Motts Creek	
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	2431	B	256	Motts Creek	
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	2433	B	430	Motts Creek	
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	2439	B	670	Motts Creek	

4. Applications for Consideration

LESSEE	LOT #	SECTION	ACRES/ FT	LOCATION	MAP #
Lucky Mother Shuckers (Virginia Millar)	232	A	2.08	Ludlam Bay	1
Clint Hunter	1113	A	2.53	Great Sound	5
Barbara Matthews	1114	A	2.11	Great Sound	5
Amber Glenn	1115	A	2.11	Great Sound	5
Olivia Rubillo	1116	A	2.00	Great Sound	5

Mr. Hunter and Mses. Matthews, Glenn, and Rubillo were present at the May 17, 2021 meeting. Ms. Millar was not present. Mr. Normant stated that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25 24.6, lease applicants shall attend at least one of the two meetings at which the Council reviews their applications. If the applicant fails to attend at least one of the meetings, the lease application would be denied, and the area applied for shall revert to public bottom.

5. Applications for Transfer

LESSEE	APPLICANT	LOT #	SECTION	ACRES/FT	LOCATION	MAP #
Dale B. Parsons	Dale S. Parsons	1412	B	1.72	Middle Island	6.1
Dale B. Parsons	Dale S. Parsons	2282	B	2.28	Dry Bay	24.2
Thomas McAnney	Great Bay Oyster, LLC	47	B	1.25	GB/Graveling Point	1
Thomas McAnney	Great Bay Oyster, LLC	316	B	5.44	GB/Cape Horn	10
Thomas McAnney	Great Bay Oyster, LLC	317	B	2.48	GB/Cape Horn	10
Thomas McAnney	Great Bay Oyster, LLC	324	B	2.09	GB/Cape Horn	10
Thomas McAnney	Great Bay Oyster, LLC	337	B	3.45	GB/Cape Horn	10
Thomas McAnney	Great Bay Oyster, LLC	338	B	3.43	GB/Cape Horn	10
Thomas McAnney	Great Bay Oyster, LLC	403	B	5.46	GB/Cape Horn	10
Robert Wilson	David Crema	2224	B	7.77	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2077	B	2.06	Absecon Bay	22
Richard Beckley Sr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2338	B	2.71	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	David Luscia	346	B	3.74	GB/Cape Horn	10
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	John Schriever	2269	B	2.07	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	66	B	5.73	GB/Graveling Point	1
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	353	B	2.64	GB/Cape Horn	10
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	355	B	5.69	GB/Cape Horn	10
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	356	B	21.25	GB/Cape Horn	10
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	414	B	2.16	GB/Cape Horn	10
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	415	B	13.22	GB/Cape Horn	10
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2208	B	4.84	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2215	B	6.44	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2216	B	3.86	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2216.1	B	2.88	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2217	B	2.94	Dry Bay	24.2

Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2219	B	3.46	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2220	B	3.56	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2222	B	4.36	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2234.1	B	2.95	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2236	B	1.99	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2244.1	B	2.06	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2247	B	2.76	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2268	B	1.49	Dry Bay	24.2
Richard Beckley Sr. & Jr.	Richard Beckley Jr.	2451	B	6.04	Broad Creek	24
Patricia Foglia	John Daffin	1103	A	2.27	Great Sound	5
Joe Wagner, Jr.	John Daffin	1040	A	2.16	Great Sound	5

All applications for transfer were approved on a motion by Mr. Felder and seconded by Mr. Mathis.

6. Old Business:

Offshore Wind

There was no new update presented to the Council regarding offshore wind.

Lease Policy Committee Update

Mr. Normant stated there was a Lease Policy Committee Meeting on May 13, 2021. Committee members discussed ideas regarding lease utilization, allocation, and transferability of leases. A summary of the meeting will be presented and discussed publicly at the next Council meeting.

Lease Policy Committee members discussed the proposed new lease area in Middle Creek near the Rose Cove, Little Egg Harbor Bay lease block. Mr. Normant explained that there were navigation issues associated with this area and the creek was surrounded by US Fish and Wildlife Refuge property. It was also highlighted that the applicant would need to apply and receive all applicable permits and those federal permits would include a review from the Refuge Manager. No other lease applications will be accepted in Middle Creek (Rose Cove). Mr. Mathis added that if the lease application was approved, subsequent renewal of this lease would be dependent on the leaseholder holding all valid permits.

Hard Clam Management Plan

Mr. Normant explained that Ms. Dacanay was currently working on the Raritan Bay hard clam survey, and that information would play a role in developing the hard clam management plan.

Aquaculture Development Plan Discussion

Ms. Wenczel explained that the latest version of the Aquaculture Development Plan was the April 2021 draft that was discussed at the April 30, 2021 Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC) Meeting. Ms. Wenczel was waiting for guidance from AAC members to what the next steps would be with the plan and will update the Shellfisheries Council at the next meeting. Ms. Wenczel noted that Council members could send her additional comments. Mr. Maxwell asked what the potential next steps were for the plan. Ms. Wenczel stated that the goal was to have a more finalized version for the next AAC meeting in July for review with the potential to have the plan approved at the July or October AAC meeting.

7. New Business:

Aquaculture Advisory Council Discussion

Mr. Mathis proposed that the Council ask the legislators to allow both the Atlantic Coast and Delaware Bay sections of the Council to appoint one industry member each to Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC) and each appointee would report back to their respective council sections. Mr. Mathis added the AAC would benefit from additional industry input. Mr. Maxwell asked Mr. Cimino if the Marine Fisheries Council also wanted to have a member to have a voting right on the AAC. Mr. Cimino stated that was his understanding based on the discussion. Mr. Maxwell suggested tabling this discussion until the next Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Maxwell and a second by Mr. Mathis.

8. Date, time, and place of next meeting:

DATE:	June 21, 2021
TIME:	6:00 PM
LOCATION	Virtual