

**RHODE ISLAND MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Shellfish Advisory Panel**  
**June 20, 2006 4:30 PM**  
**Ft. Wetherill Marine Laboratory**  
**Jamestown, RI**

SAP Members Present: J. King (Chair), R. Bercaw, D. Brayton, W. Cote, J. Gardner, Michael McGiveney (vice-chair), L. Ricciarelli, G. Schey, R. Vaughn

SAP Members Absent: R. Ibello, O. Kelly, Matt McGiveney, J. Migliore, J. Mullen (alternate), P. Kennedy, K. Thompson

DEM F&W: D. Erkan, N. Scarduzio

Public Present: D. Alves (CRMC), A. Bessette, E. Bessette, J. Boland, P. Brown, J. Grant, A. LaGreca, D. Roebuck

New Business

- 1) G. Schey presented some possible language for the discussion relating to whelk regulations. These included: 1) a 200 pot limit, 2) use of "trap tags" for tracking pots, 3) 2 ½ inch diameter minimum size, 4) marking of buoys and use of non-floating line, 5) use of a degradable "ghost" panel (side of trap or section), 6) lobster escape vents, 7) clarification on license requirements. After extended discussion, the SAP voted unanimously to submit an initial proposal to the MFC for consideration to implement whelk harvest regulations commencing in the 2007 season. (This will require a future MFC public hearing).
- 2) The SAP went through the list of SAP Members and Alternates and decided which inactive members were in need of replacement. Individuals with names listed in bold at the end of this document will be replaced with new members and alternates. Letters will be mailed to the noted individuals confirming their removal from the SAP. A number of names were suggested. After confirmation of interest by the replacements, the names will be submitted to the MFC with appropriate resumes and application forms.

New Business

- 1) Two aquaculture leases were considered by the SAP. Discussion ensued relating to the notice process, review procedures, MFC solicitation of SAP input, and the process the SAP will follow for aquaculture lease reviews. DFW Marine staff suggested using ongoing sediment mapping projects to identify an upper threshold for aquaculture leases. D. Alves (CRMC) stated that permits will not be issued in cases where commercial or recreational shellfishing occur.
  - 1.A. David Roebuck – Point Judith Pond. After discussion, the SAP voted to support the aquaculture lease expansion of 9 acres **provided** Roebuck's final lease is modified to move all portions of the lease site off identified eelgrass beds (located in the western portions of the lease footprint). The limits of eelgrass will be determined by the CRMC and located with GPS and GIS. Total lease size will be approximately 16 acres minus the area eelgrass is present.

- 1.B. Louis Ricciarelli – Sauga Point Narragansett Bay. Move from experimental (viability) lease status to formal status (a total of 2 acres). Shellfish reared in an upweller at Gardner's Wharf in Wickford Harbor are transferred to the lease site for at least one year. After discussion the SAP voted to support the proposal.
  
- 1.C. SAP members were polled relating to concerns on two additional leases.
  - 1.C.1. Peter Brown – East Passage, Portsmouth Narragansett Bay. No objections relating to this lease were raised (no future SAP review warranted).
  
  - 1.C.2. North Cape Experimental Bay Scallop Proposal. No objections relating to this lease were raised (no future SAP review warranted).

Adjourn: 6:30 PM.  
Minutes prepared by D. Erkan.

## SHELLFISH ADVISORY PANEL

Approved ?? 2006

Council Chair: Jody King

Vice Chair: Mike McGiveney

### COMMERCIAL USER GROUPS

Aquaculture	Jeff Gardner	322-7280227 Shore Rd. Westerly, RI 02891
<b>alternate</b>	<b>Bob Berger</b>	<b>789-0788264 Foddering Farm Rd. Narr. RI 02882</b>
<b>Bull Raker</b>	<b>Matthew McGiveney</b>	<b>921-286742 Diamond Hill Rd Warwick, RI 02818</b>
<i>alternate</i>	<i>Steven DiPetrillo</i>	<i>934-0618 100 Hopkins Ave Johnston, RI 02919</i>
Bull Raker	Mike McGiveney	828-936962 East Shore Dr. Coventry, RI 02818
<i>alternate</i>	<i>Bruce Eastman</i>	<i>885-7056 130 Lincoln St. N. Kingston, RI 02852</i>
Bull Raker	Robert Bercaw	295-440128 Spindrift Dr. Saunderstown, RI 02874
<i>alternate</i>	<i>James Logiodice</i>	<i>789-4445 P.O. Box 139 Narragansett, RI 02882</i>
Bull Raker	Gerald Schey	397-7151 150 Escoheag Hill Rd. W. Greenwich, RI 02817
<b>alternate</b>	<b>Louis Fratterelli</b>	<b>943-4391 148 Terrace Ave. Apt. 3 Cranston, RI 02920</b>
Bull Raker	Owen Kelly	738-157297 Lee Ave. Warwick, RI 02889
<b>alternate</b>	<b>Martin McGiveney</b>	<b>885-6341 16 N. Marlborough st. Warwick, RI 02886</b>
Bull Raker	Louis Ricciarelli	271 Laurel Lane, West Kingston, RI 02892
<i>alternate</i>	<i>Russell Blank</i>	<i>884-1753 E1 Krzak Rd North Kingstown, RI 02852</i>
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<i>alternate</i>	<i>vacant</i>	
<b>Tong</b>	<b>Ralph Ibello(west)</b>	<b>739-9565 110 Clinton Ave, Warwick, RI 02889</b>
<b>alternate</b>	<b>Bert Mulhall</b>	<b>738-57652 W. Greeley Circle Warwick, RI 02886</b>
<b>Diver</b>	<b>Ken Thompson(east)</b>	<b>353-0864 33 Elizabeth Dr. N. Prov., RI 02904</b>
<i>alternate</i>	<i>vacant</i>	
Diver	Russell Vaughn	364-853345 Shannock Hill Rd Carolina, RI 02812
<i>Alternate</i>	<i>vacant</i>	
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<i>alternate</i>	<i>John Nolan</i>	<i>527-698557 Broad St Warren, RI 02885</i>
Dealer	vacant	
<i>alternate</i>	<i>vacant</i>	

### RECREATIONAL USER GROUPS

Recreational	Paul Kennedy	491-920226 Woody Hill Rd, Exeter, RI 02822
<i>alternate</i>	<i>John Vivari</i>	<i>949-09774 Appletree Lane, Greenville, RI 02828</i>

### OTHER

Scientific Advisor vacant

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