



CRMC BioSecurity Board
Meeting Location:
URI Bay Campus
Coastal Institute Large Conference Room
July 2, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Scott Marshall, Mike McGiveney, Robert Rheault, Dale Leavitt, Marta Gomez-Chiarri, Tom McKenna (USDA), Lauren Harris (USDA) and David Beutel

--Discussion: shellfish disease monitoring program:

- Funding from USDA (\$4500)
- Sentinel Program using standard tests
- Work to leverage with other disease testing programs (EQIP)
- Six sites: Winnapaug, Quonochontaug, Ninigret, Point Judith, Bissel Cove, RWU
- Oysters obtained between September 15 and 30.
- Log temperature and salinity
- RWU Lab to conduct tests

--Vase tunicate discussion:

- Project to determine temperature tolerance
- Tunicates from Maine
- 48 hour quarantine required to purge tunicate
- Research conducted at GSO aquarium
- Post project water treatment before release (Marta will contact with protocol)

--New business:

- Tal Ben-Horin research project raising Bulgao; Dave will contact for scheduling presentation to describe project; BioSecurity Board will make a recommendation to the Director
- Kelp species for aquaculture; Skid to contact Matt Green at DEM to verify native kelp species