

**Brunswick Marine Resources Committee
Action Minutes
Zoom / In-Person Meeting
August 4, 2021**

Marine Resources Committee Members Present: Chair Cody Gillis (arrived at 7:47), Vice Chair Susan Olcott, Tim Johnson, Marko Melendy, Anthony Yuodsnukis, and Sam Cassidy (Non-voting, Student Representative)

Members Absent: Chair Cody Gillis and Derek Devereaux

Staff Present: Dan Devereaux, Costal Resource Officer; Dan Sylvain, Marine Warden / Harbormaster; Fran Smith, Town Clerk

A meeting of the Brunswick Marine Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 August 4 at Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Meeting Room 206. Vice Chair Susan Olcott called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes:

MOTION BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2021 AND JUNE 6, 2021. MOTION SECONDED BY SUSAN OLCOTT, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

Warden's Report

- Simpsons Point: Please do not tie your canoe to the tree to the right-hand side. This tree belongs to the property owner.
- Make sure that your canoe and kayaks are identifiable.
- Reminder that Harpswell Cove is CLOSED to ALL harvestable shellfish. Please refer to the May 5, 2021 meeting for more information or see Warden Sylvain.
- Thomas Point Beach has been hit hard to harvesting. Please look for other locations to allow seed to grow.
- CRO Devereaux provided an update regarding updates / future plans at Simpsons Point and what the Simpsons Point Citizen Advisory Committee will be discussing at their upcoming meeting on August 5th.

- 1) Intertidal LPA Review (See attached Maine Department of Marine Resources Limited Purpose Aquaculture License Application from Applicant Chris Green.): Applicant Chris Green reviewed his proposed application.
CRO Devereaux reviewed the revised LPA Application process and fees and provided a brief background for the proposed site location.
CRO Devereaux reviewed the site evaluation results.
Warden Sylvain asked Chris why he has already put out some of his gear. Chris provided an explanation. Warden Sylvain explained that putting out the bags as well as putting the seed into them is breaking many laws; if Marine Patrol came out, he could be hit hard with charges. He was advised to move them to another location until he has DMR approval.

CRO Devereaux reviewed the vicinity map for further clarification.

**MOTION BY TIM JOHNSON TO APPROVE THE LPA APPLICATION
SUBMITTED BY CHRIS GREEN TO HARVEST SOFT-SHELL AND HARD-SHELL
CLAM IN THE OUTER REACH OF HARPSWELL SOUND. MOTION SECONDED
BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2) Thomas Point Beach

- Update on Conservation Closure Reopening and discussion on future Conservation Closure Strategies: CRO Devereaux reviewed the proposed closure area from September 15, 2021 through July 1, 2022. Please see the closure map included with the meeting materials. CRO Devereaux explained that this proposal is a request from Chair Cody Gillis who would like to see a seasonal closure; similar to what was there before.

Harvester Ray Trombley expressed that he opposes this proposed closure; Committee member Tim Johnson agrees with Ray. CRO Devereaux explained that they stopped so this closure roughly 8-9 years ago because the harvesters can spread out and they know when the area has been hit hard; they know when to move to another location. Harvester Andy Johnson provided a brief overview of his experience. He noted that if you enact this closure, you will be shutting down a large productive area and will inadvertently put pressure on other areas. Harvester Chris Green suggested if they enact this closure that they consider opening another area.

Chair Susan Olcott tabled the item until Chair Cody Gillis arrives.

Item resumed discussions at 8:12 p.m. per Chair Cody Gillis who provided a brief overview of his proposal reasoning.

Harvesters and Commission members continued to discuss their concerns and possible strategies. Tim Johnson would like to see more focus on strategies.

Chair Cody Gillis tabled this item pending more discussion.

3) Chapter 11 Marine Activities and Ways Additions & Amendments

- One Day Recreational License Sales (pg. 7 of attached ordinance) and Letter of Intent (pg. 11 attached ordinance): CRO Devereaux provided a brief summary regarding a 1-day license. He reviewed the drafted license language.

Harvesters voiced their concerns.

Tim Johnson asked if they could limit the location of the harvesting. CRO Devereaux replied that per DMR they could not do this. He will check with them again to see if there have been any changes.

Per Susan Olcott's request, CRO Devereaux to check with DMR regarding the public digging days at Reid State Park and Wolf's Neck.

Chair Susan Olcott to table this discussion pending more information regarding targeted days.

Harvesters discussed their concerns with this item and how it affects the Student Licenses.

4) Green Crab Monitoring: Maddie Bailey stated that Harpswell Cove and Middle Bay have roughly 300 crabs per day. Thomas Point and Princess Point have, at the most, 30 per day. Maddie will have a report generated for the next meeting.

5) New Business:

- CRO Devereaux stated that on August 3, 2021, the Town Council has placed a moratorium on piers and structures in the intertidal zone.
- Mere Point is taking up the quahog seed with the upweller and staff is looking to replant them in Harpswell Cove, out further on Sunday, August 29th.

6) Old Business: No old business.

Adjourn

This meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tonya Jenusaitis
Recording Secretary

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