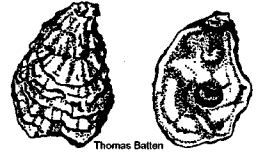


Town of Greenwich Shellfish Commission Meeting



October 13, 2009

Present: Roger Bowgen, Chairman; Sue Baker; Bill Cameron; Frank Cantelmo; Bill Fossum; Rick Kral;

Absent: Walton Alder; Bill Gremp; Peter Janis; Carol Rogers, Shellfish Coordinator

Guests: Michael Long, Jay Louden

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

Minutes – The minutes from the September 9, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Coordinator's Report – Carol is on vacation

Treasurer's Report – Walt was absent.

Seasonal Opening Demonstration – Roger reported that Ed Stilwagen would be able to bring some clams closer to shore and have them spread out prior to the seasonal opening.

Jay Louden - Area H. – Jay stated that based on water quality criteria the Bureau of Aquaculture will be raising the closure criteria for Area H from 0.5" to 1.0" rainfall. Currently Area H is closed on weekends and holidays. Jay would like the Commission to consider allowing opening of Area H on the weekends. Jay said that the Bureau of Aquaculture could possibly manage the opening and closing if they have access to the rain data. Sue made a motion to look into provided the expense put forth was reasonable, software could be utilized for web access and the Bureau of Aquaculture was in agreement. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

Oyster Beds – Roger noted that he has seen oysters around Sand Island and near the gate house. A decision will need to be made about when to open up to oysters.

Oysters in Cos Cob – Roger passed along a letter requesting a scientific research permit from Milford (Aquaculture) for Greenwich Country Day School teachers studying of shellfish in Cos Cob. He has not heard back from Milford on the results of the testing of the shellfish in this area.

Queen Anne Building – Sue, Frank and Roger will be meeting with people from the Bruce Museum to hear what their plans are for the building on October 23, 2009.

Michael Doall – Frank asked Michael Doall to modify his proposal for seasonal sampling.

Atlantic Clam Farms – Discussion of whether to renew the contract with Ed Stilwagen. Questions of how the contract should be set up arose. Also questions on the area that is being farmed, mainly some reports going beyond the boundaries. These will be brought up at the next meeting.

New Business – Bill Fossum said that the Warden's meeting will be on November 17th in the Cone Room at Town Hall. Roger mentioned that there were some days with no coverage seen last year.

Next meeting will be November 10, 2009 at 5:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Michael Long