

Shellfish Advisory Committee 9/28/16 Meeting Minutes

Present- Steve Larsen, Jon Larsen, Scott Larsen, Karsten Larsen, Denny Jason, Wayne Iacono, Isaiah Scheffer, Will Reich and Matthew Mayhew.

5:00 PM Meeting commenced with a discussion about whether to post pone the start date of recreational scalloping. Everyone came to agreement that no changes to the existing rules and time frame would benefit.

5:05 PM Isaiah S. discussed eel grass restoration and the process. He asked for everyone's cooperation in watching out for the areas that this would be taking place. And described how they would be marked with buoys on the pond.

5:12 PM Karsten L. Brought a discussion forward about the potential of opening fishing for oysters in Squibnocket pond and Isaiah S. described the open areas plus the long term testing to get the closed areas open.

5:20 PM A general discussion about scallop quantity, start date, and areas to be fished in Menemsha and Quitsa Pond. And whether or not to allow dredging in Quitsa pond or dip-netting.

5:35 PM Matthew Mayhew made a motion to open commercial scallop season on the 21st of November, limit set at 2 struck shrimp basket bushels Menemsha and Nasha Quitsa Ponds except buoyed off eel grass restoration areas. Wayne I. 2nd the motion, Denny J. and the rest of the participants said all in favor.

5:40 PM Talk commenced to potentially raise cost of out of town scallop recreational permit cost all thought that it was to close to the start date and that we should revisit the idea in January 2017.

5:50 PM Isaiah S. Recommended to keep oyster fishing closed in Tisbury great pond. Everyone agreed that would be a good idea.

6:02 PM Meeting adjourned