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David Wilson
Chairman

Marine Resources Committee Meeting December 28, 2022

Minutes

- The meeting opened at 5:05 with a quorum
- **Attendance:** David Wilson, Mark Leuchtenberger, Sean Hall, Robert Boyce & Assoc Mary Ann Nahf, Stephen Welch
- Absent: Paul Plummer, Sel. Johnson, Todd McGee
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Committee Announcements:

David announced that Harvesters have until February 28th to get their meeting points for a license fee reduction for the 2023 licensing year.

- **Warden Announcements:** None
- **Veteran Commercial License Program**
 - Tabled until next meeting, Cory McCollette did not attend.
- **Manomet Landowner Access Letter – Draft**
 - The committee reviewed the draft letter and, made suggestions.
 - Action: An edit to the first sentence to read: With over 200 miles of **intertidal** waterfront,
 - letter additions - Mark will send sentence regarding terms of allowing access.
- **FB Environmental Water Quality Report**
 - Committee reviewed and looking to discuss with FB Environmental next month.
- **2022 Shellfish Survey Results**
 - The committee reviewed the results. Discussion around new ordinance about living out of town and keeping their Harpswell license; how will that affect the total number set each year. Also, a question re: student license; when converts to standard, would the 5 year living in town criteria apply?

- Action: Clarify above for next meeting

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- **Shellfish License Allocation Notification**

- The Committee reviewed the current year's license allocation and plan to vote on 2023 licenses at the January meeting.

- **New Business:** Robert requested that the ordinance be made clearer regarding time frame of the meetings needed to qualify as conservation time toward fee reduction. While the ordinance states conservation credits accumulate January – December, the section on Meetings counting as conservation time is less specific.

Discussed closing a flat for the winter months to use as a test site to see if dead quahogs in spring can be tied to harvesting.

David moved to close Beals Cove for winter to use as a test site. Seconded by Mark.

Passed unanimously.

- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm

Submitted by:

Mary Ann Nahf, Scribe