

## SHELLFISH MEETING

November 5, 2020

Meeting called to order by Abden Simmons, Chair, at 6:00pm.

### I Roll Call:

**Present:** Abden Simmons (Chair), Glen Melvin (Vice Chair), Chuck Reed (Secretary), Lee Bennett, Israel Harvey, Arthur Creamer

**Others Present:** Resident, John Hayden

II Approve minutes from prior meeting: Motion to approve minutes from July 30, 2020 by Lee Bennett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Israel Harvey, 6-0.

III Warden's Report: Not Present

- Warden's Report for October 2020 submitted and reviewed by shellfish committee members.

IV DMR Report – Hanna Annis: Not Present

V Need Precise timeline for getting cages build:

- Glen Melvin started by explaining the strong interest in Waldoboro's "Upweller Project" thus far by The University of Maine. At this point UMO has completed a lengthy study of water currents in the upper Waldoboro river that will help determine where to best place these upwellers. Glen continued by expressing his concern we are taking far too long on our end. Committee members agreed. The permitting process started in May '20 and has been lagging and still not complete. Again, great work by Lee Bennett and Israel Harvey for the construction on the first upweller. However, the next step is getting the "cages" designed and built. Since the original plan fell through it is time for another course of action. Members spent some time brainstorming ideas going forward. Glen reiterated the importance of moving forward as he passed along some staggering numbers to just how many seed clams one upweller could potentially produce. Once again, Waldoboro is "Cutting Edge".

VI Discussion to see if there is interest in building another upweller:

- Glen Melvin presented a case to consider adding more upwellers. Members discussed several benefits. Among the benefits, if these upwellers were in place during the hard-hit green crab years, perhaps it would have offset the devastation. Previous history of upwellers in the river and the number of seed we could potentially get out of them also considered.
- We will need to obtain another LPA from the Army Corp of Engineers. Possibly a 3 day turn around approval. DMR potentially 6 weeks.
- A motion to build one more, having a total of two, upwellers to start by Glen Melvin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Bennett, 6-0.

VII Other Business:

- On December 1, 2020 Bug Tassel reopens. Coincidentally DMR has now closed the cove. Two years ago Glen Melvin presented pollution data at a Bremen town meeting. Only 7 people attended. Unfortunately, Bug Tassel cove is shared between the two towns and Waldoboro has now been affected.
- Glen shared recent testing data taken near the Medomak MH Park. Single digit test results around the Pine Street landing! This could have been contributed by the lack of rain this year.
- Lee Bennett and Israel Harvey have agreed to build the second upweller.
- Glen Melvin will send the data showing the number of seed clams we could see from each upweller.

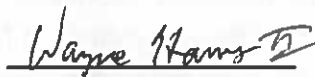
VI Motion to adjourn: by Glen Melvin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Bennett, 6-0

  
Abden Simmons


  
Glen Melvin

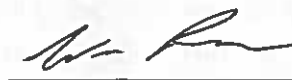
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