

City of Biddeford
Shellfish Conservation Committee
May 15, 2024 6:30 PM Biddeford Pool Fire Department
2nd Floor Conference Room

Status:

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Adjustments to Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1. Approval of 4-17-24 Meeting Minutes
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- 4. Presentation**
 - 4.1. Harbor Master Summary
- 5. Old Business**
 - 5.1. Shellfish Action Items:
Licenses
2024 Shellfish Management Plan
Shellfish Conservation Ordinance Update
 - 5.2. Mooring Application Workshop
 - 5.3. Wood Island Recovery
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Adjourn**

Joint Harbor and Shellfish Meeting – Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Location: Biddeford Pool Firehouse

Time: 6:30 PM

Attendees: Peter Bouthillier, Andy Brady, Randy Desmarais, Joe Emmons, Paul Lariviere, Jim Lupien, Bill Mackeil, Sean Murphy, Kyle Noble, Roland Pelletier, John Schafer, Bill Stepchew

DISCUSSION:

1. Approval of Minutes

The March 20, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Harbor Master Summary

- Red Can #2 was washed on shore in front of the old Coast Guard Station during the most recent storm. The Coast Guard was alerted by our Harbor Master.
- Bant Wolf's lobster boat broke loose during the same storm and got hung up on one of the ice breakers. Our Harbor Master assisted in getting the vessel towed to shore so damage could be assessed and repaired.
- A retired Biddeford fisherman, who will remain nameless, went to the fisherman's pier to see our Harbor Master. While in his car, he dropped a lit cigarette in his lap and set his pants on fire. Focusing on the fire, forgetting that the car was still in gear, the car rolled off the end of the pier, getting hung up before falling into Biddeford Pool. The retired fisherman sustained minor burns and his car was successfully towed off the pier. (I can't make this stuff up.)

3. Shellfish Action Items

- Shellfish Licenses for the 2024/2025 season will go on sale in the City Clerk's office. There will be an unlimited number of recreational resident licenses and 60 recreational non-resident licenses chosen by lottery. Also, there will be one-day recreational licenses available, limited to 10 licenses per day.

Commercial licenses will go on sale June 3, 2024. Peter Bouthillier will be notifying the 10 commercial diggers that renewal becomes automatic provided they have turned in their logs to Peter.

- The DMR has selected a long-term monitoring site off of Sky Harbor Drive and will be collecting data on a monthly basis. A Memorandum of Understanding has been issued to Robin Paterson for her approval to proceed.
- 2024 Shellfish Management Plan – no activity to report.
- Shellfish Conservation Ordinance update – no activity to report

4. EPR

Officer Rob Simmons and Chief Larry Best presented the ERP process at the 02APR24 Council meeting and it was well received by all Council members. Paul Lariviere and John Schafer will go to the Jeff Demers to discuss installation.

5. Mooring Applications and Records

A Mooring Application Workshop will be scheduled in June.

6. Wood Island Light Recovery

Sean Murphy provided the following link for the UNE project studying the erosion around Wood Island Light.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1sHj7qKX0f-c100LRnwz6QNOWwNo_xBDzXt6t-C3s2SI/edit?usp=sharing

7. New Business and Questions

None