

City of Biddeford
Shellfish Conservation Committee
April 17, 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 Minutes 3-20-24
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- 4. Presentation**
 - 4.1. Harbor Master Summary
- 5. Old Business**
 - 5.1. Shellfish Action Items:
Annual Shellfish Management Review
2024 Shellfish Management Plan
Shellfish Ordinances
 - 5.2. ERP follow-up
 - 5.3. Mooring applications and Records
 - 5.4. Wood Island Light Recovery
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Adjourn**

Joint Harbor and Shellfish Meeting – Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Location: Biddeford Pool Firehouse

Time: 6:30 PM

Attendees: Peter Bouthillier, Andy Brady, Randy Desmarais, Bill Emhiser, Joe Emmons, Paul Lariviere, Jim Lupian, Bill Mackeil, Sean Murphy, Kyle Noble, Roland Pelletier, Bill Stepchew, Eric Heumiller

DISCUSSION:

1. Approval of Minutes

The February 21, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Harbor Master Summary

A significant amount of time has been spent on updating mooring records. It is not just our Harbor Masters' responsibility to maintain these records, but also the responsibility of sub-contractors who have been certified to sell, haul and inspect moorings. But some sub-contractor record keeping has been neglected. Our Harbor Masters are working to get all mooring records up to date so we can proceed with the development of an on-line mooring application system.

3. Shellfish Action Items:

- **License allocations** – Biddeford's shellfish license allocations for 2024 were approved by the DMR on 03.11.24.
- **Annual Shellfish Management Review** – The 2024 municipal shellfish review is currently being worked on and will be submitted to the DMR by 04.01.2024.
- **2024 Shellfish Management Plan** – Biddeford's Plan has been approved by the DMR. It is now our responsibility to assemble all regulatory agencies and stakeholders so strategies and action plans can be developed. Agencies and stakeholders include:

Maine Department of Marine Resources

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

US Environmental Protection Agency

York County Soil & Water Conservation District

The Rachel Carson Council

City of Biddeford Code Enforcement

University of New England

- **Biddeford's Shellfish Ordinances** – No activity.

4. ERP

Officer Rob Simmons and Chief Larry Best will be presenting the proposed ERP system to City Council on 04.02.2024. This presentation is for the Council's information, not approval. There remain some coordination issues to be worked out with Jeff Demers.

5. Mooring Applications

Robin Paerson reported via email:

- There are 215 names on the mooring list.
- As of the 03.15.2024 deadline, we have 150 paid applications.
- We have 14 applications on the wait list.

Thanks Robin!

6. Wood Island Light Recovery

Sean Murphy and Kyle Noble gave an update. Erosion around the light tower is being mapped by UNE students and efforts to move the boat house are being planned.

7. New Business and Questions

None.