



City of Biddeford
Shellfish Conservation Committee

August 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Biddeford Pool Fire Department
Second Floor Conference Room

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1. Roll Call
2. Adjustment(s) to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
 - 3.a Approval- July 8, 2026 Shellfish Commission Meeting- Minutes
4. Harbor Master Summary
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

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July 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Biddeford Pool Fire Department
25 L.B. Orcutt Boulevard, Biddeford Pool, ME 04006**

1. Roll Call – Present Peter Bouthillette, Patricia Rhames, Erik Heumiller, Aubrey Jane, Shellfish Warden Officer Robert Simmons, also in attendance Harbormaster Paul Laverriere, Assistant Harbor master Randy Desmaris

2. Adjustment(s) to Agenda- The Committee voted to re-organize as it hadn't met in more than a year. There was a vote to name Aubrey Jane as the Chair of the Shellfish Commission.

Motion by Patricia Rhames

Second by Erik Heumiller

Passed Unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes- None

4. Harbor Master Summary- The Harbor Master gave the committee a detailed summary of the work and authority of a Harbor Master. Including a list of site visits, replacement of 17 No wake buoys, 14 Moorings that were inspected, approved 5 new moorings for the pool area, talking with people at the boat launch to make sure they are registered. They have had some theft on the river and have been working with local authorities on it. There were 180 people on the mooring wait list. There were 213 last year.

5. Old Business- None

6. New Business

The Harbor Master had paperwork to share with the Mayor and Council to request that it be adopted to help police enforcement efforts. This was in response to camping at the boat launch. Shelly will bring provide the paperwork to the Mayor and Council President for review and guidance on next steps.

There was an extensive discussion about the budget for water testing and the process the city uses for water quality testing. There is a desire to expand the area to be tested in an effort to potentially re-open the Hills beach area for clamming. That area had experienced high pollution rates in the past from waterfowl. There was an additional conversation about the bird count and controlling the population through waterfowl hunting and the difference between resident geese and migratory geese.

There was additional discussion about crabbing practices. The committee then discussed future meeting dates and what times may work best for the group to convene. Shelly will work with Officer Simmons, the Harbormaster and the Chair to find a date in August.

7. Other Business- None

8. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn Patricia Rhames

Second Erik Heumiller

Unanimous in favor

Meeting ended at 6:15pm