

Shellfish Advisory Council Meeting

Dec. 12, 2019 Augusta – DEP Building (Behind the Marquardt Building) Response Room

Council Members Present: Kevin Brodie, Tony Delano, Dan Curtis, Mike Danforth, Fiona de Koning, Glen Melvin, Dick Douty, Ryan McPherson, Lewis Pinkham, Jessica Joyce

Council members absent: Amanda Lyons, Scott Moody, Charlie Tetreau

DMR Staff in Attendance: Kohl Kanwit, Sheena Glover

10:08 Call to order by Fiona de Koning

10:09 Review of minutes -Lewis motion to accept, Kevin 2nd motion carried.

10:10 Agenda Item 1: Nominations for chair, Lewis Pinkham nominated by council, Dick 2nd

Nominations for Vicechair, Dan Nominated Fiona de Koning, Lewis 2nd

Nominations unanimously elected.

10:12 Agenda Item 2: Abatement Closure Process- Kohl Kanwit explained who has the authority for depuration, continuing to detail the process of if the towns have a suspected point source with probable remediation. Kohl stated DMR would support adding 20 days to the application. Kohl further explained that the Abatement closures would be for 2 years. Glen asked if towns ever asked for depuration. Kohl responded that yes towns have asked when there is no other choice but to depurate. Fiona asked if local diggers are allowed to join the depuration dig. Kohl explained that depuration crews are required by law to add any locals. Lewis asked how much lead time in a classification change. Kohl clarified that a downgrade is a two week turn around, adding that towns can submit a conservation closure. Kevin questioned if it is possible for a two-week closure. Kohl stated it would have to be implementing new rules. Kohl expanded that if a depuration company wants to dig, however an abatement request has been made from the town, DMR notifies the depuration company that the request has been made. Lewis Motioned for 30 days for the town turn around and limit of 2 years for abatement. Glen asked if it needs to be more than 2 years. Lewis stated that the town would need to resubmit. Kohl added that as industry if there is resource. Kevin 2nd Lewis's motion of 30 day turn around and two-year limit. Fiona stated concern that making a decision without Scott Moody the depuration council seat. Lewis replied that the conversation could be revisited. An audience member stated that towns should be allowed to resubmit with a new depuration management plan. Kohl responded that towns cannot. Jessica asked for clarification. Lewis reiterated that after 2 years the town could resubmit if they had not resolved the issue or if they found a new issue. Fiona reiterated that it is a difficult task to locate the point source. Unanimously in favor of 30 day turn around with a two year.

10:40 Agenda Item 3: Quahog measuring – tabled

Tony explained his recommendation since Marine patrol was unable to attend the meeting. Kohl stated that it would require regulation wording change. Sargent Wes Dean (Marine Patrol) has committed to attend the next meeting.

10:50 Break

11:01 Agenda Item 4: Shellfish Focus Day- Kohl explained that the Fishermen’s Forum coordinator mistakenly told everyone that submitted a request would have a slot to present. Jessica detailed the draft agenda for Shellfish focus day. Suggestions to shorten the HABS section and drop the water quality presentation. ([See attached](#))

Moderators for Shellfish Focus day: Gabby Hillyer, Bridie McGreavy, Lewis Pinkham, and Kohl Kanwit.

Fiona described what the Shellfish Advisory Council presentation will look like in three parts. A brief history, accomplishments and accessibility. Fiona and Lewis to do a dual presentation. Bridie offered to record the presentations through the University. Lewis suggested a gift card raffle for evaluations turned in.

12:05 Agenda Item 5: Developing standardized metrics for issuing municipal licenses -Kohl addressed standardizing. Glen asked if acreage amount could work. Kohl stated that a discussion should be had before the next Legislature to redefine. Have information gathering meeting over the winter, (public meetings). Detailed discussion with Brunswick and Gouldsboro representatives in the audience further stressing the need for this type of discussion. Tony motioned that DMR provide meetings, Kevin 2nd Motion carried.

12:30 Work Plan

- A. Working committee for lab testing - Tabled
- B. Rain gauge procurement project- Tabled
- C. Alpha-numeric system for identifying harvest areas –**Dan Curtis tabled** in favor of ISSC Biennial meeting, and mini grant updates.
- D. Outreach programs (CSI-Maine) - Tabled
- E. The Learning Network – Gabby Hillyer provided an update ([See attached](#))
- F. Economics work to requested presentation list - Keith Evans- **Tabled**
- G. Closure notification changes- Tora Johnson-**Tabled**

1:01 Lewis motioned to adjourn, Mike 2nd unanimous result.