

NEW JERSEY SHELLFISHERIES COUNCIL		Delaware Bay Section
<i>Meeting Minutes</i>		

Meeting Name	Monthly Meeting of NJ Shellfisheries Council - Delaware Bay Section		
Meeting Date	Tuesday, June 2, 2015		
Meeting Time	6:00 PM		
Venue	Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory	City	Bivalve, NJ
Attendees	General Public		

Council	State/Fed Representatives	Haskin Research Lab
Scott Bailey, Cumberland Co.	Russ Babb, DFW Shellfisheries	David Bushek, Director
Steven Fleetwood, Cumberland Co.	Jason Hearon, DFW Shellfisheries	Kathy Alcox, Field Researcher
Warren Hollinger, Cumberland Co.	Craig Tomlin, DFW Shellfisheries *	Lisa Calvo, Aquaculture Prog. Coord. *
Richard Malinowski, Salem Co.	Andrew Hassall, DFW Shellfisheries	
Cape May / Salem Co. – Vacant		

* Not present

Compliance with the Sunshine Law

Notice of this meeting was posted April 20, 2015 and **revised May 28, 2015** with the Secretary of State's Office, State House, Trenton, NJ and the Bridgeton Evening News, and Daily Journal pursuant to L. 1975 c. 231.

Revenue collected for April totaled \$27,389.00 and is summarized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab Pot	\$ 2,200.00	Commercial Shellfish	\$ 550.00
Nets	\$ 3,803.00	Recreational Shellfish	\$ 130.00
Application Fees	\$ 262.00	Juvenile Shellfish	\$ 26.00
AC Dredge	\$ 0.00	Non-Resident Shellfish	\$ 20.00
DB Dredge	\$ 200.00	Tonging Tags	\$ 200.00
Dealer and/or Shucking License	\$ 100.00	Menhaden	\$ 772.00
Dredge Boat Renewal	\$ 624.00	Oyster Tags	\$ 18,502.00

Revenue collected for May totaled \$37,759.00 and is summarized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab Pot	\$2,200.00	Commercial Shellfish	\$ 100.00
Nets	\$3,929.00	Recreational Shellfish	\$ 100.00
Application Fees	\$ 214.00	Non-Resident Shellfish	\$ 20.00
AC Dredge	\$ 100.00	Oyster Tags	\$29,744.00
DB Dredge	\$ 100.00	Menhaden	\$ 916.00
Dredge Boat Renewal	\$ 132.00	Otter Trawl	\$ 204.00

Oyster Resource Development Account:

June 1, 2015		
Unexpended	\$539,559.24	Budget authority less expenditures (<i>total spendable dollars currently in account</i>)
Expended	\$ 71,962.39	Total amount spent against the appropriation (<i>spent from account during FY'15</i>)
Pre-encumbered	\$ 0.00	Total outstanding requisitions processed against the appropriation (<i>Amount previously set-aside for preparation of term contracts - since cancelled</i>)
Encumbered	\$333,151.61	Total outstanding purchase orders processed against the appropriation (<i>Amount obligated to vendors or planned services (e.g., contracting, transplants)</i>)
Uncommitted	\$206,407.63	Amount available for pre-encumbrance, encumbrance, or expenditure (<i>Current free-balance that is not obligated/encumbered to specific vendors, etc.</i>)

For Council's Information

Substitute Boat License #80 from NJ2759FP to NJ1107DN - Howard Mason
Transfer Ownership Boat License #80 from Howard Mason to A1 Top of the Line Oyster Co LLC

Old Business:

- Intermediate Transplant Program update

Jason Hearon gave the update for the Intermediate Transplant Program. He said the transplant took place from May 4 to May 15, 2015. For the Medium Mortality beds, Mr. Hearon informed that a total of 16,350 bushels (bu.) were transplanted. That included 10,800 bu. from Sea Breeze to Shell Rock, and 5,500 bu. from Middle to Shell Rock. He reported the cultch count ranged from 9-46%, and averaged 25%. The expected increase was 6,197 bu. However, the outcome was that 102% of the transplant goal was moved, which resulted in a quota increase of 8,545 bu.

Mr. Hearon then reported on the Low Mortality beds. There was a total of 10,200 bushels moved from Upper Arnolds to Ship John. The average cultch count was 17-49%, and averaged 33%. The expected increase was 2,692 bu. However, the outcome was that 125% of the transplant goal was moved, which resulted in a quota increase of 4,688 bu. Furthermore, that increased the quota for the entire industry to 88,661 bu. The industry increase equated to an increase of 214 bu. per boat, which made the total quota 1,055 bu. per boat.

Mr. Hearon then asked the Council for a motion as to whether they wanted to pay for the Intermediate Transplant bill as it was submitted, or not. Councilman Hollinger motioned to accept the bill as submitted, and Councilman Malinowski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- Direct Market Harvest update

Mr. Hearon continued with the Direct Market Harvest update. He informed that as of June 1, 2015 there were 20,937 bu. harvested from the High Mortality beds. There were 6,045 bu. remaining for harvest from that area. Based on the rate the industry was harvesting, Mr. Hearon said the High Mortality beds would most likely close the following week. He would send a letter out to inform the industry of the closure.

Mr. Hearon also gave a reminder that the VP season is in effect. The reduced harvest time started June 1, 2015 in which the catch had to be in refrigeration by 1:00 PM. On June 15, 2015 the catch would have had to be in refrigeration by 12:00 PM. Scott Sheppard inquired about harvesting information later in the meeting. Mr. Hearon recapped the update, and added that the reduced harvest time would revert back to the 1:00 PM time limit July 15 through July 31, 2015. In addition, Shell Rock was to open for harvest June 11, and Ship John was to open June 15.

- Leasing update

Mr. Hearon stated that the Committees are continuing to meet. There had been a summer hiatus, but there would be a meeting in late summer or early fall to address what was on their agenda. He also informed that since the previous Committee meeting, he had done a telephone poll to see that everyone supported the leasing moratorium. The moratorium was planned to be over by January 1, 2016. He added that all the Committee's agenda items in progress would be seen through, but there would be no new agenda items.

New Business:

- Delaware Bay Oyster Industry film

Councilman Bailey announced that he had been working on a project which entailed making a 3-3.5 minute video about the oyster industry of Delaware Bay. The video was to be used in conjunction with communication with politicians to try and receive money to help support the oyster industry. He informed that he had already received approval from the South Jersey Economic Development District for half of the funding (\$3,750.00). The other half of the funding would be available, and approved down the road. The video was being made by David Kaltenbach of Kaltenbach Productions. Mr. Kaltenbach had already filmed oyster boats harvesting, and was to make another trip to take footage of the shell planting efforts. More aspects of the industry would be filmed, but the logistics were to be worked out as to what to include. The video was expected to be completed by the end of August to the beginning of September, and was to be either a DVD or website link for distribution. Informing the press was to be a possible outlet as well.

- Dermo Update

David Bushek gave a brief report on Dermo in May. He informed the Dermo level were low this spring, which were similar to the previous year. That was partially due to the cold winter and the spring runoff. Councilman Hollinger asked if there was any set seen while surveying compared to the previous year. Kathy Alcox informed there was some set in Arnolds, but it was hard to tell if they were set since they are slow growing oysters. There were also some seen in the transplant samples from that same area as well.

- Closed session, legal advice to Council

Councilman Hollinger motioned to begin the closed session of the meeting. Councilman Fleetwood seconded. Councilman Hollinger motioned to reopen to the public, and the motion was seconded.

- Consolidation update

Councilman Fleetwood concernedly asked a legal adviser Mary Monteschio if she was involved in the consolidation rule making process, and if she knew what the status was. Ms. Monteschio and Mr. Hearon both informed that the memos to brief the Governor's Office were still being worked on by Gary Brower. The document was in its final stages, and had been since the fall. Ms. Monteschio and Mr. Hearon had been reminding those involved that this needed to be completed.

Adjourn	@ 6:45 PM		
The next meeting of the Council will be tentatively held on: August 4, 2015		<u>OR</u>	In the library of the Haskin Shellfish Laboratory