

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ATLANTIC COAST SECTION OF THE NEW JERSEY SHELLFISHERIES COUNCIL

Nacote Creek Law Enforcement
Port Republic, NJ
July 21, 2014

ROLL CALL: Chairman: Walter L. Johnson III (Ocean County)
Vice Chairman: John Maxwell (Atlantic County)
Councilman: Walter Hughes (Monmouth County)
Councilman: Vacant (Cape May County)
Councilman: Vacant (Burlington County)

DEP Representatives: Jeffrey C. Normant, Bureau of Shellfisheries
Kira Dacanay, Bureau of Shellfisheries
Jenny Tomko, Bureau of Shellfisheries

Mr. Normant read the State's compliance with the Sunshine Law and announced that the meeting would be recorded. Notice was filed with the Secretary of State Office and newspapers designated by the Department.

1. Total Revenue for June 2014: \$ 37,419.28
Shellfisheries Law Enforcement Fund: \$ 574.00

2. Presentation of June 16, 2014 minutes for approval

The minutes of the June 16, 2014 meeting were presented for consideration and approved on a motion by Mr. Maxwell, which was seconded by Mr. Hughes.

3. Applications for Consideration

LESSEE	LOT #	SECTION	ACRES	LOCATION	MAP#
Paul Felder	1021	A	2.0	Great Sound	5D
Robert A. Williams	1023	A	2.0	Great Sound	5D
Joanne Galante-Williams	1024	A	2.0	Great Sound	5D
Caroline M. Williams	1025	A	2.0	Great Sound	5D
John A. Nitche	1135	B	2.0	Mordecai Island	13.1
Thomas J. Conover	2569	B	2.0	Scull Bay	27
Ray S. Bonar	2578	B	2.0	Scull Bay	27

Mr. Normant provided the Council with copies of the lease applications. Mmes. Galante-Williams and C. Williams and Messrs. Nitche, Conover and Bonar were present. Messrs. R. Williams and Felder were not present and must attend the next meeting.

Mr. Normant informed the Council that the lease site proposed by Mr. R. Williams, lot 1023, in Great Sound was located in a deep-water area used by recreational fishermen. Mr. Normant also conveyed that the lease site proposed by Mr. Nitche in Mordecai Island, lot 1135, does not require a biological investigation.

Pursuant to leasing regulations, N.J.A.C.7:25-24.6, applicants must attend one of two meetings at which the Council reviews their applications. A decision on the lease applications would be rendered at the next meeting.

4. Applications for Decision

LESSEE	LOT #	SECTION	ACRES	LOCATION	MAP#
Michael L. Camp	221	A	2.00	Ludlam Bay	1
Matthew Gregg	889	B	2.00	Parkers Cove, LEHB	7
Luke Ungar	887	B	2.00	Parkers Cove, LEHB	7
Michael Snyder	2570	B	2.00	Scull Bay	27
Rosely Snyder	2576	B	2.00	Scull Bay	27
Bianca Duarte	2577	B	2.00	Scull Bay	27
Luke S. Williams	1022	A	2.00	Great Sound	5D
Gary Williams	1026	A	2.00	Great Sound	5D

Mr. Ungar was present at this meeting. Messrs. Camp, Gregg, M. Snyder, L. Williams and G. Williams and Mmes. R. Snyder and Duarte, were present at the prior meeting.

Mr. Johnson inquired if lots 887 and 889, located at Parkers Cove, Little Egg Harbor Bay were existing leases. Mr. Normant stated that the proposed leases were located in the vicinity were leases previously existed, near the Southside of Parker Run.

The lease applications were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Hughes and a second by Mr. Maxwell. Mr. Normant stated that the applicants had 30 days to sign their lease agreements.

5. Old Business:

Inquiry – Oyster Harvesting in Mullica Bay

Mr. Avery inquired if there would be an opening for the harvesting of oysters in Mullica River. Mr. Normant stated that there would not be an opening. The existing harvest beds in Great Bay had low abundances of oysters. The Bureau has not conducted an intermediate transplant of oysters from the Mullica River seed beds in several years due to poor bed conditions.

6. New Business:

Administrative Order NO. 2014-09

Mr. Normant informed the Council that the Commissioner had implemented an Administrative Order NO. 2014-09, which prohibits commercial shellfishing within the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone.

Aquaculture Advisory Council

Mr. Maxwell inquired when the next Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC) meeting would be held. Mr. Avery stated that the July 2014 meeting was cancelled, but may be rescheduled at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Hughes and a second by Mr. Maxwell.

7. Date, time and place of next meeting:

DATE: August 18, 2014
TIME: 7 PM
LOCATION: Law Enforcement Office
360 New York Rd. Rte. 9
Port Republic, NJ 08241