

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

Meeting Name	Monthly Meeting of NJ Shellfisheries Council - Delaware Bay Section		
Meeting Date	October 6, 2009		
Meeting Time	6:00 PM		
Venue	Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory	City	Bivalve, NJ
Attendees	General Public		

Council	State Representatives	Haskin Research Lab
Warren Hollinger, Cumberland Co.	James Joseph, DFW Shellfisheries	Eric Powell, Director
Scott Bailey, Cumberland Co.	Craig Tomlin, DFW Shellfisheries	John Kraeuter, Assoc. Director
Steven Fleetwood, Cumberland Co.	Jason Hearon, DFW Shellfisheries	David Bushek, Research Professor
Richard Malinowski, Salem Co.		
Cape May / Salem Co. – Vacant		

Compliance with the Sunshine Law	Notice of this meeting was posted 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.	September 21, 2009
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Minutes	
April 2009	Chairman Hollinger made a motion approve the April 2009 minutes, all were in favor.
May 2009	Presented – Decision held over to next meeting due to inadequate time to review

Revenue collected for July totaled \$32,217.00. This revenue collected is itemized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab License	\$700.00	Cultch Fees	\$29,182.00
Atlantic Coast Crab Dredge License	\$400.00	Dealers License	\$100.00
Delaware Bay Crab Dredge License	\$100.00	Map Fees	\$5.00
Commercial Shellfish License	\$550.00	Net License	\$663.00
Recreational Shellfish License	\$216.00	Assignment Fees	\$7.00
Juvenile Shellfish License	\$22.00	Copy Fees	\$2.00
Non Resident Shellfish License	\$40.00	Application Fees	\$134.00
Oyster Dredge Boat License	\$96.00		

Revenue collected for August totaled \$14,296.00. This revenue collected is itemized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab License	\$800.00	Cultch Fees	\$11,126.00
Commercial Shellfish License	\$150.00	Dealers License	\$600.00
Recreational Shellfish License	\$130.00	Net License	\$1,396.00
Juvenile Shellfish License	\$2.00	Application Fees	\$76.00
Oyster Dredge Boat License	\$16.00		

Revenue collected for September totaled \$12,992.00. This revenue collected is itemized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab License	\$400.00	Oyster Dredge Boat License	\$260.00
Atlantic Coast Crab Dredge License	\$300.00	Cultch Fees	\$10,592.00
Delaware Bay Crab Dredge License	\$100.00	Dealers License	\$200.00
Commercial Shellfish License	\$150.00	Net License	\$938.00
Recreational Shellfish License	\$20.00	Application Fees	\$32.00

Oyster Resource Development Account as of:

<i>October 6, 2009</i>		
Unexpended	\$533,725.79	Total dollars currently in account
Expended	\$1,452.34	Spent from account during FY'10
Pre-encumbered	0.00	Amount previously set-aside for preparation of term contracts (cancelled)
Encumbered	\$1,007.66	Amount obligated to vendors or planned services (e.g., contracting, transplants)
Uncommitted	\$532,718.13	Current free-balance (not obligated/encumbered to specific vendors, etc.)

Oyster Dredge Vessel Transactions
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For Council's information, Jenny King transferred the oyster dredge vessel *Jenna Marie* and the oyster dredge vessel (License No. 5) to Robbins & Robbins Inc.

For Council's information, Jeff Moore transferred ownership of the oyster dredge vessel *Linda Clair* (License No. 69), but not the oyster dredge boat license and has one year to replace.

For Council's information, Robbins & Robbins Inc. substituted the oyster dredge vessel *Jenna Marie* (License No. 5) with the oyster dredge vessel *Linda Clair* with same or less gross tonnage.

For Council's information, Scott Sheppard transferred ownership of the oyster dredge vessel *Carol Ann* (License No. 70), but not the oyster dredge boat license and has one year to replace.

For Council's information, Robbins & Robbins Inc. has substituted the oyster dredge boat *NJ5163FF* (License No. 3) with the oyster dredge vessel boat *NJ237658* with same or less gross tonnage.

For Council's information, Derek Robinson transferred the oyster dredge vessel *Ocean View* and oyster dredge boat license No. 40 to Harbor House Seafood LLC.

For Council's information, Derek Robinson transferred the oyster dredge vessel *Teal Rebecca* and the oyster dredge boat license No. 74 to Harbor House Seafood LLC.

For Council's information, Lemuel Robbins transferred oyster dredge boat *NJ385 GT* (Previous License No. 98) to the oyster dredge boat license No. 100.

For Council's information, Lemuel Robbins transferred oyster dredge boat *NJ1518 FW* (Previous License No. 100) to the oyster dredge boat license No. 98.

For Council's information, Norm Bloom & Daughter LLC. declared the oyster dredge boat *Two Daughters* (License No. 11) lost, destroyed, or disabled and has two years to replace.

For Council's information, Norm Bloom & Daughter LLC. transferred the oyster boat *Vigilant* but not the license to the oyster dredge boat License No. 11 that was lost, destroyed, or disabled and has one year to replace the oyster boat *Vigilant* on the oyster dredge boat license No. 59.

Chairman Holinger made a motion to accept the preceding transfers. All were in favor.

Shellfish Leased Ground Transactions

Lease Transfers

<i>Original Lessee</i>		<i>New Lessee</i>				
Alexander T. Ogden		Fred Nesbitt				
Section	Lot	Acreages	Section	Lot	Acreage	
D	449	12	E	102	12	
D	451	12				

The Council approved the preceding lease transactions.

1. Old Business

Direct Market Update

Mr. Tomlin stated that the Shellrock seedbed closed on July 10, 2009 and the High Mortality seedbeds closed on September 22, 2009. He stated that the only beds that remain open were the Medium Mortality seedbeds and that there had been approximately 13,000 bushels harvested from this area. Mr. Tomlin continued by stating that roughly 21 boats had some quota remaining and a total of 67,000 bu. had been harvested thus far. He noted that weekly reports did not correspond with call in and dealers reports adding that there is a 4,000 bu. discrepancy. Discussion ensued regarding an alternative mailbox for individuals to drop off weekly/dealer reports.

Maurice River Cove Transplant Summary

Mr. Tomlin stated that the oyster dredge boat *Britt Ann Marcher* had worked a total of five days moving approximately 4,900 bushels of oysters. He stated that all areas that were sampled at or above 40% oyster were worked during this transplant. He made a special note that the transplant boat worked very slow, with short chains in an effort to minimize to harm the oyster reefs, as well as having a man on the belt to discard any excess shell. He stated that the area that was in the tongers area proper had less than 30% oyster prior to the transplant. Mr. Tomlin said that there had been a shell planting in the tongers bed this year that seemed to have received a very good natural set. Mr. Hearon noted that after this year's transplant and after reviewing the past survey data, that it would be unrealistic to believe that next year could support another 5,000 bu. transplant from the special restricted waters.

Empowerment Zone Money

Chairman Hollinger stated that \$7-8,000 remained in the Empowerment Zone Account. Mr. Hearon stated that this money was slated for bottom mapping of the Maurice River Cove that would be completed this fall. He noted that technical issues had delayed this project. He stated that 80 to 90% of the Empowerment Zone money had been used. He suggested that the last of the money should be used to stock pile shell for the future. Mr. Hollinger stated that additional money that had been set aside for signage that would not be used and could also be used for the purchase of shell.

2. New Business

New Budget for Stock Assessment

Dr. Powell stated that the President of Rutgers University had allotted \$116,000 for the stock assessment per the Council's request. He stated that the Council needed to draft another letter to the President of Rutgers University to remind him to place the \$116,000 into the budget as a line item.

Dermo Monitoring

Mr. Bushek stated that Dermo levels were high and that mortality had increased a little but remained below the long-term average. He stated that there might be an increase in tolerance of the oysters' ability to live with Dermo.

Consolidation

Chairman Hollinger stated that he had drafted a letter explaining the consolidation proposal and had provided copies of this letter to local legislators and had discussed the issue with Amy Cradic. Councilman Fleetwood stated that he had done the same. They said that the idea of this letter was to encourage the rule proposal to be placed higher on the Department's priority list.

Costal America Award

Chairman Hollinger stated that Delaware Bay Oyster Restoration Taskforce was presented with the 2008 Costal America Award. He noted that this was the only environmental award presented by The White House. Mr. Hollinger stated that everyone was amazed with the return on the dollar as well as the self-imposed tax. He noted that Congressman Castle mentioned that he had been working with the four boarder states on a new program that could bring additional money to the Delaware Bay instead of the Chesapeake Bay. A lengthy conversation ensued.

Adjournment

Chairman Hollinger made the motion to adjourn. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskin Shellfish Lab.