

Eastport Shellfish Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 26th, 2022

Present:

Kate Devonshire, City Manager
Tony Bennett, Eastport Shellfish Warden
Earl Small, Member
Gary Small, Secretary
Loring Small, Vice Chair
Wil Urquhart, Resident Licensed Shellfish Harvester

Approval of Agenda:

4:00 PM - Meeting called to order, the agenda was approved by all present.

Agenda Items Discussed:

- a. No adjustment to the agenda requested or required. Minutes from the previous shellfish committee meeting, motion to approve by Earl Small and seconded motion to approve by Gary Small.
- b. The Secretary, Gary Small read aloud each proposed amendment to the shellfish ordinance.
- c. Clarification was provided for the reasoning of the age range selected for the proposed junior commercial license holders.
- d. All of the suggested shellfish ordinance amendments from previous committee meetings reviewed, adjudicated, captured in writing and final list unanimously approved for submission to the City Council for consideration. Anticipate amendments will go before the City Council in February for a vote to publish for public comment.
- e. Upon City Council's approval of amendments, Tony Bennett volunteered to facilitate submission of amendments to DMR for final approval.

Old Business Discussed:

- a. Reiterated importance of having shellfish ordinance amendments in place prior to next issuance. Specifically adding junior commercial license opportunity for students in good standing and increasing all commercial license fees to keep up adequate shellfish warden patrols.
- b. Challenges with green crabs and how to reduce their numbers.

New Business Discussed:

- a. Upon City Council's approval and public hearing of ordinance amendments, follow up with the DMR for final approval.

Next Meeting Scheduled: TBD

Adjournment: 4:30 PM