

FAIRFIELD SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA

Second Floor Conference Room, The Honorable John J. Sullivan Independence Hall
7:30 p.m., November 13, 2013

Sanford J. Wakeman, Jr., Chairman
Robert Bilek, Vice Chairman
David Thornton, Secretary
Cathy Raynor

Sally Harold
Paul Nelson
Richard Ferrari

Commission members who are unable to attend the meeting are requested to advise the Conservation Department at least 24-hours in advance of the scheduled meeting

CALL TO ORDER – And Establish Quorum

I. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2013 – see attached
- B. Committee Reports:

- 1. Clam Relay/Planting Committee: Thornton, Bilek: Survey Recreational Shellfish Area A for oyster shell removal, survey Mill River for placement of oyster shell (cultch), and survey natural clam beds in Southport Harbor for relay to Area A. Report by Robert Bilek.
- 2. Water and Habitat Quality: Wakeman, Harold, Raynor, Bilek
- 3. Permits and Access: David Thornton
- 4. Commercial Shellfish Regulations – Wakeman, Harold
- 5. Oyster Bed Development Committee – Thornton, Harold

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Remediation of The Mill River estuary associated with the former Exide Battery Site, 2190 Post Road, Fairfield, CT – project status.
- B. Shellfish Commission Management Plan – Discussion.
- C. Letter to Parks and Recreation Commission Regarding Commercial Shellfishermen Access to a Town Dock For Off-Loading Harvested Shellfish (see attached Parks & Recreation Commission draft minutes of October 16, 2013, & e-mail message from Joan Ryan of Parks & Recreation Department).
- D. CT DEEP-OLISP Structures, Dredging & Fill Permit Application #201206291-TS, of the Town of Fairfield Public Works Department and Engineering Department to conduct maintenance dredging of navigational channel leading to South Benson Marina and Ash Creek - project status (see October 15, 2013 letter from Sandy Wakeman to CT DEEP attached).
- E. CT Sea Grant – Request for Input – Participation in Development of State of Connecticut Shellfish Management Plan - status (see October 25, 2013 e-mail message outlining list of issues compiled from initial SMP meetings attached).

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Educational outreach to Fairfield Students Regarding Shellfishing in Fairfield – presentation by David Thornton.

B. Nominating Committee for Election of Officers For December Vote (see attached status of Commission terms).

C. Draft 2014 Meeting Schedule for December Vote (see attached).

D. 2014-2015 Shellfish Commission Budget – Review and Discussion on Upcoming Shellfish Commission Budget Request (see attached 2013-2014 Budget).

E. DEEP/OLISP COP Application by Exide to do work on (make repairs to) the Tide Mill Dam and flood gates located in the Mill River, Fairfield, CT (see attached Draft October 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes of the Fairfield HMC).

IV. INFORMATIONAL

A. NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Open House scheduled for Oct 19, 2013.

B. 12th Annual Ronald C. Baird Sea Grant Science Symposium – The Future of Shellfish in Rhode Island, November 14-15, 2013 (see October 29, 2013 e-mail from Tessa Getchis noting broad scope of meeting, together with Meeting agenda, and registration form).

C. Microbial (Fecal Coliform) Source Testing – October 2, 2013 E-Mail from David Carey, DA/BA (see attached).

D. 2013-2014 Budget Status (see attached).

E. Shellfish Fund Balance (see attached).

F. License Permits Issued through October 31, 2013 (see attached registry).

G. Phone calls for status of open or closed – October 2013 (see attached).

V. OTHER

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

All members of the Shellfish Commission are requested to notify the Conservation Department (256-3071) if they are unable to be present. A quorum is necessary to transact business, and your call will be appreciated.