MINUTES
Shellfish Conservation Committee (SCC) Meeting

The Shellfish Conservation Committee will hold a regular meeting at the Town Office
March 30, 2013 at noon

*Italics = minutes; assignments in **bold**.*

1. Call meeting to order
   a. *In attendance:* Cecil, Mac, Chip, Gary, Jessie, Bob; Ron

2. Approval of minutes from 3/13/2013
   a. Approved unanimously.

3. Survey
   a. Discussion: how do we properly post the upcoming survey?
      i. **Bob** will post at Town Office, Boat, etc
   b. Growing Manager (Biologist?) Pete Thayer will attend 4/1 survey; move this
      survey day to the Hook
      i. Sounds like a good idea; he needs to see an area to close it
      ii. And, surveying this area will give us a baseline for this closure
      iii. Change start time to 8:30am to facilitate Pete’s attendance (he’s coming
           on the 8:15am boat)
      iv. Revised survey plan:
          - Cricks & Hook. We’ll plan to survey April 1, 2, and 3; 8:30am on the 1st at the
            Hook, 8:30 on the 2nd at the Cricks; 9am on the 3rd. We’ll start in front of Gary’s
            at the Cricks on the 1st. **Ron:** please bring the screens, clipboards, etc needed for
            the survey.
   c. Discuss commercial license holders still away for the winter
      i. Let’s setup conservation credits by way of work on the conservation plan
         (see below)
   d. Conservation plan ideas for the Hook:
      i. **Green crab traps**
      ii. **Fence (across the mouth of that section of the Hook)**
      iii. **Ron** to learn more at an upcoming meeting of the Freeport alliance
      iv. **Ron** to work with Hank, Jessie, Ernie, etc to develop plan / design / build

4. Shellfish Ordinance
   a. Review conversations with Selectmen and State
      i. **Bob** to work with Herb to write up two proposed ordinance revisions:
         1. *The first is simply to separate SCC from Coastal Waters ordinance*
Town of Chebeague Island
192 North Road
Chebeague Island, ME 04017

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend!

2. The second proposed ordinance would include the first; and, also, the proposed licensing changes; but we should take direction from upcoming Workshop with SCC and Selectmen.
   
   ii. Jessie reported on her conversation with Selectman Donna Damon. Thoughts: Change age to 65; use a reduced fee for senior license; and she suggested that we ask the recreational diggers to keep a log. They also discussed the benefits of a workshop with the Selectmen and the SCC.

   b. Ideas for compromise on recreational licenses
      
      i. Suggestion: 1 clam hoe per license; and, the license holder must be present. Easy to understand, easy to explain...

5. Discuss / plan for workshop meeting with Selectmen Jessie to setup and advise a date.
   
   a. At that workshop, we would Show & discuss conservation measures
      
      i. Licenses -> fees = money for conservation
      ii. Ron to apply for conservation study grant
      iii. We need to pursue conservation strategies on a deliberate and data driven basis.
      iv. Suggestion: add a ‘septic inspection’ requirement any time a house sells in the Town of Chebeague
      v. Based on the growing information from the Clam Alliance and others, conservation activities are a must if we want to have clams here in 10 years.

   b. Ask Pete and Chad Coffin to join us or someone from the State of Maine who can speak to conservation.

6. Public comment Bob talked about the oyster LPA lease that he and David Whiston have received, and, the potential to scatter some oyster spat.

7. Adjourn meeting