Town of Chebeague Island
Shellfish Conservation Commission Meeting
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Sunday, July 23, 2017 @ 9:00AM
at the Public Safety Building/Town Office
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Agenda

1. Call meeting to order. Present: Gary Ross, Cecil Doughty, Mac Passano, Ernie Burgess, Jason Skillin, Bob Earnest, Genaro Balzano.

2. Discuss the experimental lease application for Great Ledge Seafood – just under 4 acres, off the easterly side of the bar to Little Chebeague. Does the Shellfish Committee wish to request a public hearing? Resolved: yes, we should request a hearing. Discussion can only help in terms of clarification and understanding (unanimous vote).

3. Discuss/decide next steps regarding nets, given what we’ve learned from the Army Corps regarding paperwork requirements. Observations: lots of the spat we found on the bar to Little Chebeague has survived; lots of steamers there these days… and still lots of spat. Is it possible the green crabs (or other predators) are kept at bay there due to the current, or the texture of the bottom? Resolved: let’s pursue with Manomet and the DMR the possibility of moving spat from that bar to promising spots in the Cricks and place nets over them (unanimous vote). Bob to followup with Manomet then with DMR.

4. Public comment? None.

5. Adjourn.