

Town of Chebeague Island
Shellfish Conservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @ 4:00pm
at the Public Safety Building/Town Office

Minutes

1. Called meeting to order at 4pm. Present: Gary Ross, Ernie Burgess, Cecil Doughty, Jason Skillin, Bob Earnest.
2. Discuss licenses (quantities, cost, etc) for 2020 and make recommendations. Motion by Gary, second by Cecil, we recommend the same cost and numbers of licenses as were set for 2019. While all of our observations point to a shrinking resource of clams, it's clear to us that the cause is predation by milky ribbon worms and by green crabs; the type and amount of harvest we observed in 2019 will not create a negative impact on the resource.
3. Update on conservation / restoration activities: the quahog growing experiment with Manomet continues; last sample will be pulled in late November, then the results will be developed and analyzed; we might expect feedback on the experiment early next year.
4. Public comment / other topics. None.
5. Motion to adjourn by Cecil; second by Jason; unanimous.