



MEETING MINUTES
Shellfish Advisory Committee
Monday March 18, 2019 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Cohasset, MA Parker Ave. (Boat Ramp)

Committee Members in Attendance: Jeff Palmer, Jamie Davenport, Susan Harrison, Mike Dimeo, and Craig Rosenquist

Committee Members not in Attendance: None

Also, in Attendance: Dave Dauphinee, Sue Bryant, Cristina Quinn, and John Tedeschi

Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) Officials in Attendance: Chris Scillaci, DMF Aquaculture Specialist and Gabe Lundgren, Assistant Shellfish Biologist

This meeting was called to order by Jamie Davenport at 3:00PM.

Committee Members & Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) officials and guests departed from the Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CCSCR) Parker Avenue Boat Ramp and arrived at Briggs Harbor at 3:30pm.

The Committee and guests walked around the flats and attempted to estimate the size of farmable flats as well as preliminarily evaluate the substrate on the flats. Chris Schillaci and Gabe Lundgren suggested that preliminarily the site seemed feasible. There were no grasses growing on the site and little evidence of existing bivalve activity. While a couple razor clams were noted, no quahogs were found. Chris noted that it was not a site suitable for beginner farmers. While the site is ideal regarding water flow, water quality, protection, substrate (hard sand), and no existing native bivalves, the challenge with the site is accessibility.

The committee and guests discussed accessibility options including launching a flats boat in Cohasset Harbor or aquaculture farmers on a case by case basis negotiating access through private land.

The Committee Members and Guests walked back and were shuttled across to the CCSCR Pier.

AT 5:00PM Jamie Davenport made a motion to adjourn. Susan Harrison seconded. All in favor.