

RHODE ISLAND MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL
Minutes of Shellfish Advisory Panel
September 1, 2010 4:30 pm
Fort Wetherill Marine Laboratory
Jamestown, RI

MFC Present: J. King (SAP Chair), S. Parente
SAP Present: O. Kelly, J. Grant, M. McGiveney, J. Vivari-alt., D. Leavitt-adviser
SAP Absent: D. Brayton, W. Cote, S. DiPetrillo, D. Goebel, G. Schey, P. Kennedy, J. Migliore, J. Mullen, R. Bercaw, J. Gardner
CRMC: D. Beutel
Lease Applicants: M. Behan, G. Behan
Marine Fisheries: D. Erkan

1. Review of and recommendations for CRMC Aquaculture Lease Application 2010-07-028, Matthew Behan

Chair King opened the meeting. He complemented M. Behan on the quality and detail of the submitted aquaculture lease application. Beutel outlined the 3- acre lease proposal, discussed modifications made by the applicant during the review process, and how the application would be heard by the CRMC. Beutel noted that he would not support establishment of additional leases in the immediate vicinity of this lease and other established leases to minimize use conflicts. **Two SAP members voted to recommend that the MFC support the lease application as proposed, and two SAP members abstained.**

2. Review of June 23, 2010 SAP Minutes

At a request of the RI Shellfishermen's Association, McGiveney and Grant, met with N. Lazar to clarify the 2011 schedule for opening Greenwich Bay, Potowomut, and High Bank management areas discussed and voted on by the SAP at their 6/23/10 meeting. In response, and after review and consultation of the records, Lazar corrected the minutes to reflect the schedule approved by the SAP membership (revised schedule in SAP Minutes of 6/23/10 meeting). McGiveney then noted after discussions with Erkan and Lazar that the proposed boundary changes between High Banks and Potowomut Shellfish Management Areas require further considerations and analysis by the Division and therefore should be tabled for the 2010-2011 season. **It was also proposed by industry to change the fishing period in the Potowomut Shellfish Management Area from the current: 8AM to Noon / Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, December to April season; to: sunrise to sunset, seven days a week, 365 days per year. This proposal was also to be tabled for the 2010-2011 season.**

Adjourn: 6:35 PM