

<p align="center"><b>NEW JERSEY SHELLFISHERIES COUNCIL</b></p>		<p align="center">Delaware Bay Section</p>
	<p align="center"><i>Meeting Minutes</i></p>	

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Monthly Meeting of NJ Shellfisheries Council - Delaware Bay Section		
<b>Meeting Date</b>	January 7, 2014		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	6:00 PM		
<b>Venue</b>	Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory	City	Bivalve, NJ
<b>Attendees</b>	General Public		

<b>Council</b>	<b>State/Fed Representatives</b>	<b>Haskin Research Lab</b>
Warren Hollinger, Cumberland Co.	Russell Babb, DFW Shellfisheries	David Bushek, Director
Richard Malinowski, Salem Co.	Jason Hearon, DFW Shellfisheries	Kathy Alcox, Field Researcher
Scott Bailey, Cumberland Co.	Craig Tomlin, DFW Shellfisheries	Daphne Munroe, Researcher Professor
Steven Fleetwood, Cumberland Co.		
Cape May / Salem Co. – Vacant		

*Compliance with the Sunshine Law*

Notice of this meeting was posted January 2, 2014 with the Secretary of State's Office, State House, Trenton, NJ and the Bridgeton Evening News, and Daily Journal pursuant to L. 1975 c. 231.

**Revenue collected for September totaled \$22,468.00 and is summarized as follows:**

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>License Type</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commercial Crab Pot	\$500.00		Oyster Tags	\$20,536.00
Nets	\$1,022.00		Dredge Boat Renewal	\$136.00
DB Crab Dredge	\$200.00		Recreational Shellfish	\$20.00
Application Fees	\$54.00			

**Revenue collected for October totaled \$10,377.00 and is summarized as follows:**

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>License Type</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commercial Crab Pot	\$100.00		Oyster Tags	\$6,900.00
Nets	\$1,289.00		Dredge Boat Renewal	\$20.00
AC Crab Dredge	\$100.00		Commercial Shellfish	\$250.00
DB Crab Dredge	\$400.00		Recreational Shellfish	\$30.00
Application Fees	\$44.00		Lease Fees	\$282.00
Menhaden	\$362.00		Tonging Tags	\$600.00

**Revenue collected for November totaled \$8,587.75 and is summarized as follows:**

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>License Type</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commercial Crab Pot	\$100.00		Oyster Tags	\$904.00
Nets	\$592.00		Dup/Copy Fees	\$2.00
AC Crab Dredge	\$400.00		Commercial Shellfish	\$600.00
DB Crab Dredge	\$500.00		Lease Fees	\$2,341.75
Application Fees	\$24.00		Tonging Tags	\$2,300.00
Menhaden	\$824.00			

Revenue collected for December totaled \$42,691.00 and is summarized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab Pot	\$5,500.00	Otter Trawl	\$102.00
Nets	\$8,736.00	Dup/Copy Fees/Misc	\$6.50
AC Crab Dredge	\$3,300.00	Commercial Shellfish	\$1,750.00
DB Crab Dredge	\$3,900.00	Recreational Shellfish	\$30.00
Application Fees	\$474.00	Dredge Boat Renewal	\$600.00
Menhaden	\$616.00	Dealer	\$500.00
Area 1, 2 & 3	\$128.00	Lease Fees	\$13,948.50
		Tonging Tags	\$3,100.00

**Oyster Resource Development Account:**

<i>Jan 6, 2014</i>		
<b>Unexpended</b>	\$742,207.59	Budget authority less expenditures ( <i>total spendable dollars currently in account</i> )
<b>Expended</b>	\$4,019.54	Total amount spent against the appropriation ( <i>spent from account during FY'14</i> )
<b>Pre-encumbered</b>	\$0.00	Total outstanding requisitions processed against the appropriation ( <i>Amount previously set-aside for preparation of term contracts - since cancelled</i> )
<b>Encumbered</b>	\$318,480.46	Total outstanding purchase orders processed against the appropriation ( <i>Amount obligated to vendors or planned services (e.g., contracting, transplants)</i> )
<b>Uncommitted</b>	\$423,727.13	Amount available for pre-encumbrance, encumbrance, or expenditure ( <i>Current free-balance that is not obligated/encumbered to specific vendors, etc.</i> )

**Lease Ground Transactions**

**Transfer from Jeff Carr & Catherine Carr to Atlantic Cape Fisheries**

LOT #	SEC	ACRE	RATE	FEE
21	A	98		\$5.00
22	A	45		\$1.00

**Transfer from James Tweed to Gail Tweed**

LOT #	SEC	ACRE	RATE	FEE
27	A	37		\$5.00
174	A	63		\$1.00
5	A	52		\$1.00
219	A	178		\$1.00

## Application for New Grounds

### Consideration- Bivalve Packing (present)

LOT #	SEC	ACRE
181	B	32
238	B	42
628	C	25

### Consideration- Luke Williams (present)

LOT #	SEC	ACRE
7	ADZ	1.5

### Consideration- Matthew Williams (present)

LOT #	SEC	ACRE
8	ADZ	1.5

## Old Business:

### *Annual Election of Chairman*

Mr. Hearon stated that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 50:1-18, each section of Atlantic Coast and Delaware Bay Shellfisheries Councils (council) shall annually elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Councilman Fleetwood made a motion to elect Mr. Bailey as Vice Chairman and Mr. Hollinger as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Malinowski, all were in favor.

### *2013 Leased Ground Extensions*

Mr. Hearon asked the council to pass a motion accepting the 2013 lease extensions. Councilman Bailey made a motion to accept the 2013 lease ground extensions. Councilman Hollinger seconded the motion, all were in favor.

### *Industry Representatives for Oyster SAW*

Mr. Hearon informed the council that SAW representation should consist of one member from the industry and one member of the Council. He then stated that the Bureau solicited industry representation through a letter and that no industry members had expressed interest in attending the SAW but two Councilmen did express interest. He then stated that the Council representatives would be Councilman Bailey and Councilman Fleetwood. He then reminded the Council that the Oyster Stock Assessment Workshop would be held February 11-12, 2014.

### *Direct Market Program Summary*

Mr. Tomlin stated that the industry harvested very close to 100 percent of the total allowable catch which was about 4,000 more bushels than the previous year. He then noted that this year's harvest took roughly 1,000 boat days. He also mentioned that the past year's catch per unit effort of approximately 80 bushels per day was one of the highest on record for direct market season.

### *ADZ Inspection Report*

Mr. Tomlin stated that as part of the ADZ program, the Bureau does annual inspections and reports their findings to the Council. He presented a slide to the council noting that there were currently 10 near shore ADZs leased and 2 more that

were just put up for consideration. He went to say that no applications have been received for the deep water ADZs and that in the spring the lessees of the near shore ADZ will be offered a second 1.5 acre plot. Mr. Tomlin stated that the ADZ inspection happened on October 17, 2013 and all ADZs were photographed and categorized by amount and type of coverage. He showed slides depicting each lease and its parameters (available upon request). He then asked the lessees to make an effort to mark their grounds on the ADZs better. Mr. Gaines asked to have his extension for his ADZ lease. Mr. Tomlin stated that if the other lessees do not want the extensions then those leases would be offered to the next available person on the waiting list. Mr. Myers stated that he had sent out some information on the offshore ADZs to a list of foreign consulates. He then noted that you have to be a NJ resident or incorporated in NJ to hold a lease. Mr. Babb stated at least one lease has not had any usage over two years. He continued that the purpose of these leases were for utilization and demonstration. The Council suggested that if there was no use in two years on a lease, then the lessee should not be offered the extension. Lengthy discussion ensued.

**New Business:**

*EDA Proposal and Random Sampling*

Mr. Bushek stated that the EDA proposal was with the internal reviewers. He noted that Mrs. Alcox has been hard at work putting together the random sampling data and the harvest data for the Stock Assessment Workshop.

*Department of Agriculture*

Mr. Myers stated that his last day with the NJ Department of Agriculture would be today. He made note of the new contact, Monique Purcell Director. He also stated that they will try and backfill his position at the department.

<b>Adjourn</b>	@	<b>PM</b>	
The next meeting of the Council will be tentatively held on:		<b><u>OR</u></b>	In the library of the Haskin Shellfish Laboratory