

NEW JERSEY SHELLFISHERIES COUNCIL		Delaware Bay Section
<i>Meeting Minutes</i>		

Meeting Name	Monthly Meeting of NJ Shellfisheries Council - Delaware Bay Section		
Meeting Date	April 7, 2015		
Meeting Time	6:00 PM		
Venue	Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory	City	Bivalve, NJ
Attendees	General Public		

Council	State/Fed Representatives	Haskin Research Lab
Scott Bailey, Cumberland Co.	Jason Hearon, DFW Shellfisheries	David Bushek, Director
Steven Fleetwood, Cumberland Co.	Craig Tomlin, DFW Shellfisheries	Kathy Alcox, Field Researcher
Warren Hollinger, Cumberland Co.	Andrew Hassall, DFW Shellfisheries	Lisa Calvo, Aquaculture Prog. Coord.
Richard Malinowski, Salem Co.	Calliope Alexander, Dept. of Health	
Cape May / Salem Co. – Vacant	Loel Muetter, Dept. of Health	
	Hugh Carberry, Marine Fisheries	
	Amanda Wenzel, Dept. of Agriculture	

Compliance with the Sunshine Law

Notice of this meeting was March 27, 2015 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.

Meeting minutes considered for approval: Approved

March 3, 2015

Councilman Bailey motioned to approve, and Councilman Malinowski seconded. All approved.

Revenue collected for March totaled \$18,368.50 and is summarized as follows:

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Commercial Crab Pot	\$ 800.00	Commercial Shellfish	\$ 500.00
Nets	\$ 3,056.00	Recreational Shellfish	\$ 100.00
Application Fees	\$ 266.00	Juvenile Shellfish	\$ 10.00
AC Dredge	\$ 100.00	Tonging Tags	\$ 600.00
DB Dredge	\$ 200.00	Otter Trawl	\$ 102.00

License Type	Total	License Type	Total
Dealer/Shucker	\$ 200.00	Menhaden	\$ 1,435.00
Dredge Boat Renewal	\$ 860.00	Lease Fees	\$ 47.50
Oyster Tags	\$10,092.00		

Oyster Resource Development Account:

March 30, 2015		
Unexpended	\$539,825.22	Budget authority less expenditures (<i>total spendable dollars currently in account</i>)
Expended	\$ 41,960.41	Total amount spent against the appropriation (<i>spent from account during FY'15</i>)
Pre-encumbered	\$ 0.00	Total outstanding requisitions processed against the appropriation (<i>Amount previously set-aside for preparation of term contracts - since cancelled</i>)
Encumbered	\$328,039.59	Total outstanding purchase orders processed against the appropriation (<i>Amount obligated to vendors or planned services (e.g., contracting, transplants)</i>)
Uncommitted	\$211,785.63	Amount available for pre-encumbrance, encumbrance, or expenditure (<i>Current free-balance that is not obligated/encumbered to specific vendors, etc.</i>)

Old Business:

- *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* management plan (Calliope Alexander)

Calliope Alexander gave a brief overview of the 2015 Vp plan. She said the plan is the same as the 2014 Vp plan, except there was a shift in the time frame. She also gave out copies of the model ordinance, specifically to discuss shipping documentation. The shipping labels were to document the 3 entities of the time of the shipment (conveyance), the truck was pre-chilled to 45 degrees, and the internal temperature of the oysters were 45 degrees to meet the temperature requirement. Jason Hearon added that he had copies of the Vp plan, and that Bruce Friedman informed at a previous meeting that the time frame for the Vp plan was from June 1 to August 31, 2015.

- Intermediate Transplant Program

Mr. Hearon began the discussion that there were only 2 vessels that had their paperwork in to be part of the Intermediate Transplant Program. He warned that may not be enough to move the total number of bushels required to be moved, and in turn not meet the requirements to increase the quota after the transplant. Mr. Hearon was asked to bring the topic up at the meeting. He also said that he had brought this issue up on numerous occasions. This was not only an issue for the current year, but would be in the future since the dynamics of the oyster industry had changed. The issue for the current year was that each boat was allowed a certain amount to be paid for transplants. With only 2 boats, the spending cap per boat would be reached before the total required bushels for the transplant were moved. Further discussion ensued.

Councilman Fleetwood made a motion to work the 10 days of intermediate transplant and harvest all he could. The same would apply to Councilman Bailey's boat. If he was able to harvest the entire transplant quota, everyone receives their quota increase in the Direct Market fishery. If he was not able to harvest the entire transplant quota, he would consider the harvested transplant quota required for his boats as unpaid volunteer time. He would be paid for the remaining catch that was harvested by his boats for other entities' transplant quotas. Councilman Fleetwood's and Councilman Bailey's Direct Market quotas would receive the quota increase from the transplant, but the rest of the industries' quota would be the original reduced quota before the transplant occurred. Councilman Malinowski seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Hearon would be looking into this motion to see if it could be done. Councilman Bailey made a motion that if Councilman Fleetwood's motion could not be followed through,

the Council would default back to the way the transplant was currently being done. Councilman Hollinger seconded the motion. All Councilmen except Councilman Fleetwood were in favor of Councilman Bailey’s motion.

In addition, 2 other motions were made. Councilman Malinowski made a motion to go back to having each entity responsible for harvesting their portion of the transplant quota. Councilman Hollinger made a motion to have the boats involved in the transplant to get their 10 days in if they have bad weather and break downs. Neither of the motions received a second.

New Business:

- Delaware Bay Proposed Reefs (Hugh Carberry)

Hugh Carberry from the Marine Fisheries Administration gave a presentation on the Artificial Reef Program planning to construct an artificial reef for recreational fishermen in the New Jersey portion of Delaware Bay. The presentation was given for Mr. Carberry to receive feedback from the commercial fisherman. He gave an overview of the selected site, and why the site was selected. The presentation resulted in a lengthy discussion, particularly regarding commercial fisheries that would be affected by an artificial reef (especially crab and conch dredging). The Council ultimately decided they were not in favor of the proposed artificial reef site. Councilman Bailey motioned the opposition of the proposed artificial reef in Delaware Bay in the crab dredge area, and Councilman Hollinger seconded. All were in favor.

- Sea Turtle Observer Requirement

Councilman Bailey notified everyone that NOAA Fisheries sent out a letter regarding the 2015 Sea Turtle Observer Requirement. They were requiring an observer to go along on crab pot boat trips. The observers would be attending trips at random looking for any sea turtle to crab pot interaction. Further discussion ensued.

- Conservation Officer personnel

Mr. Hearon made an announcement to introduce and welcome a new Conservation Officer in the area, Officer Raker.

Adjourn	@ 8:00 PM	
The next meeting of the Council will be tentatively held on: June 2, 2015	<u>OR</u>	In the library of the Haskin Shellfish Laboratory