

Town of Brunswick, Maine

Marine Resource Committee

AGENDA

March 1, 2023

Regular Meeting 7:00P.M.

Town Hall – Council Chambers

85 Union Street, Brunswick, Maine

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Conflict of Interest Policy

Members shall declare potential conflicts at the start of the meeting or prior to any item.

Roll Call of Members/Acknowledgement Notice of Meeting

Adjustments to the Agenda

Public Comments/Announcements (for non-agenda items) Five minutes before speaker.

Upcoming Meetings

- [2023 Maine Sustainability & Water Conference March 30th](#)
- [Maine Fishermen's Forum March 2, 3 and 4 \(Rockland\)](#)

Staff Report

- Conservation Points & Shellfish Licensing Update Report
- Administrative Update
 - [Working Waterfront Inventory Toolkit \(MCFA & Tidal Bay Consulting\)](#)
 - [LD 581 An Act to Assist Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs](#)
 - [Hearing Date March 9th 1pm State House Station](#)
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New Business

11. **Action Item:** Sunday Conservation Closures: *Committee members will discuss the possibility of closing Sundays yearlong for shellfish harvesting. This would require an ordinance amendment to [Sec. 11-165. - Sunday shellfish harvesting prohibited June 1 to October 1](#). The Additional Sunday closure would provide additional 33 days of closures. It would come during times when shellfish are more susceptible to winter mortality and the market prices are lower. Downside is it puts additional day limitations on licensed harvesters. This would not impact recreational harvesting as Section 11-165 is strictly limited to Commercial harvesters.*
12. **Discussion Item:** Dedicated Revenue Fund: *Committee to discuss suggesting to the Town Council that license fees and any fees associated with the Municipal shellfish program be set into a separate fund dedicated to shellfish sustainability and water quality. These funds could be spent on a variety of projects that positively impact the coastal region, including but not limited to shellfish propagation, water quality monitoring/ improvements, coastal public access, watershed monitoring, etc....*
 - *License Fees (Commercial and Recreational Licenses Fees)*
 - *Conservation Fees (Fees associated with conservation buyback program)*
 - *Violations (Fees collected from violations of the local shellfish ordinance)*
 - *Shellfish resiliency license surcharge (additional fee added onto license)*

13. Summer Conservation Projects: *We will be having some upcoming projects where there is opportunities for harvesters to sign up and help in many ways. Please see Dan Sylvain. Coming right up Fecundity Study at Barnes Cove will be deployed on March 4th – 5th*

Old Business

14. **Discussion Item:** Resident License Requirements: *This has come to the committee in the recent past. The committee did not come to a consensus but did request the Town Council establish a direction for the committee to take the conversation and whether or not the Council would consider such a request. It was voted unanimously the council would not support amending the ordinances to accommodate request. At a recent town council meeting several commercial shellfish harvesters offered public comment on a resident commercial license holder being able to retain his license and move out of town Brunswick. As a result of those harvester's requests, which was presented by newly appointed committee member commercial Harvester Camden Reiss, the council has asked the Marine Resource Committee to take another look at the prospects of the harvesters proposal.*

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