

**Brunswick Marine Resources Committee  
Action Minutes  
Zoom Meeting  
February 3, 2021**

**Marine Resources Committee Members Present:** Chair Cody Gillis, Vice Chair Susan Olcott Anthony Yuodsnukis, Sam Cassidy (Non-voting, Student Representative), Derek Devereaux, and Marko Melendy

**Members Absent:** Blain Lund

**Staff Present:** Dan Devereaux, Costal Resource Officer; Dan Sylvain, Marine Warden / Harbormaster

A meeting of the Brunswick Marine Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Meeting Room. Chair Cody Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Minutes:**

**MOTION BY CODY GILLIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2021.  
MOTION SECONDED BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Warden's Report**

- a. License Deadline Reminders: Reminder that Letters of Intent are due the second week in March.

In May there will be three Committee positions opening; Blain Lund, Susan Olcott and Marko Melendy. In additions, the Committee still has two openings for a total of five seats available.

- b. Airboat Regulation Update: Warden Sylvain provided an overview of a meeting set-up through IF&W on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 and including city officials / representatives, air boat owners, landowners and harvesters. IF&W will begin noise testing up the Haraseeket River on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in Freeport. A meeting will be held once a week thru April when they hope to be able to come up with some rules. Warden Sylvain is requesting that they conduct noise testing in Brunswick as well.
- c. Down East Institutes Clam Spawn: Warden Sylvain referenced the video sent via email by the Downeast Institute.
- d. Middle Bay Lease Evaluation: Warden Sylvain stated that when they were at the site evaluation, he learned that Tim Johnson has placed roughly 400,000 legal and illegal size seed within his proposed lease area. IF&W and Marine Patrol do not have any issues with this at this time, but Warden Sylvain is concerned with this. Warden Sylvain has conducted a write up to DMR and has asked that they bull rake to see if the area has commercial value.

Warden Sylvain stated that there is still a risk to the Eel grass; DMR will take a look at the entire area.

CRO Devereaux reviewed the application process and noted that this application is still in the beginning of the process and IF&W will likely have comments.

- 1. Miller Point Pier Project:** Rob King, applicant provided an overview of the project and a history of the land and shoreline stabilization project. Marko Melendy asked questions regarding the dock and Conservation Easement; Sarah Witte and Councilor Steve Walker answered his concerns.

Councilor Walker stated that his concern is that this will blaze a path for others to follow as stated by the applicant. This is for a permanent structure in the intertidal and Councilor Walker asked why the applicant cannot do what other Brunswick residents do and install a seasonal ramp and float. Robert King and Councilor Walker discussed this issue further.

Barney Baker, Engineer, reviewed the design of the pier and where they are in the review process. Barney explained why they are proposing a fixed structure versus a seasonal structure.

Anthony Yuodsnukis expressed his concern that this project entails much more than he anticipated in discussing at this meeting.

Susan Olcott asked if there are similar projects going on in the State to help them assess the potential impacts that could occur in Brunswick. Susan also asked if the Brunswick Topsham Land Trust has been looped back into this discussion. Barney Baker replied that this pier that they are proposing is common on Casco Bay.

Barney Baker showed an aerial of the proposed area, an elevation view, pier profile, pier plan, the bank on the pier and rip wrap pier proposal comparison.

Chair Cody Gillis opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Sarah Witte noted that there are no discussions currently with BTLT because the easement is with the Town. Councilor Walker stated that the Town is not giving the easement over to BTLT.

Marko Melendy stated that this is sizably bigger than what they were anticipated. He is very concerned that this will set a precedent in Brunswick and he hopes that they can address this town wide before they decide. This is much more concerning than he originally thought. Cody Gillis agreed with Marko.

Chair Cody Gillis closed the public comment period.

2. **2021/2022 License Establishment:** CRO Deveraux reviewed the 2020 license numbers and stated that they are on an off-year survey year. Dan noted that the Committee does now have the ability to limit student bushels. Dan reviewed the DMR Landings statistics.

Student Representative, Sam Cassidy provided an overview of his clamming experience in summer 2020. He harvested roughly 2000-2500 for quahogs and around 3 bushels for soft shell daily. Sam noted that only half the student license holders dig regularly.

Per Sam Cassidy's request, Cody Gillis explained the intent behind limiting the student digging amounts. Susan Olcott added that another reason why students are limited is that fees are different and the license is different; putting those caps helps differentiate this.

Marko Melendy asked if they needed to set the bushel limits at the same time, they set the license numbers. Dan Devereaux replied that bushel limits are in the same section as license numbers so he would assume that meant that they needed to be set at the same time and reviewed the process.

**MOTION BY ANTHONY YUODSNUKIS TO ALLOCATE 57 RESIDENT COMMERCIAL LICENSES WITH 6 NON-RESIDENT COMMERCIAL LICENSES AND 15 RESIDENT STUDENT LICENSES WITH 2 NON-RESIDENT STUDENT LICENSE AND 150 RECREATIONAL LICENSES TO INCLUDE RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT. STUDENT DAILY MAXIMUM OF 3 BUSHELLS. MOTION SECONDED BY SUSAN OLCOTT, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Quahog Planting Area:** CRO Deveraux stated that his recommendation is to move all the seed into Harpswell Cove and reviewed his proposed planting locations. Members agreed with the proposed Harpswell Cove location.

Susan Olcott would like to see data keeping for future projects. CRO Devereaux stated that they have applied for a paid intern who would be able to help them monitor these sites over the summer.

4. **Thomas Point update:** Officer Sylvain said that this area is completely iced over at this time. CRO Deveraux stated that last summer they discussed business license and whether this would be viable. These discussions continue.

5. **2021 Conservation Targets**

- a. Seeding: They are looking at getting seedlings roughly 8mill. in size with the money they have left in the budget along with the seed that DMR is overwintering.
- b. Coastal Clean Up: Please think of potential dates to be discussed at the March meeting.

- c. Conservation Closures: Please think of potential dates to be discussed at the March meeting.
- d. Task Force Update: Susan Olcott stated that the Task Force has discussed other Conservation opportunities such as assisting student license holders in training and helping out in shoreline pollution sources. In addition, the task force has been generating a new student training video to add more meat to some of the topics covered.

**6. Casco Bay Regional Shellfish Working Group/Downeast Institute/Maine Shellfish Learning Update:** CRO Deveraux stated that a survey has been sent out from DEI, please fill this survey out as it helps in policy making.

CRO Deveraux stated that the Maine Shellfish Learning has a video coming up that he is hoping they can be a part of. More information forthcoming.

**Adjourn**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Jenusaitis  
Recording Secretary

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