

Eastport Shellfish Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday July 1st, 2022

Present:

Tony Bennett, Eastport Shellfish Warden
Earl Small, Member
Gary Small, Secretary
Loring Small, Vice Chair
Wil Urquhart, Resident Licensed Shellfish Harvester

Approval of Agenda:

6:30 PM - Meeting called to order, the agenda was approved by all present.

Agenda Items Discussed:

- a. No adjustment to the agenda requested or required. Minutes from the previous shellfish committee meeting, motion to approve by Earl Small and seconded motion to approve by Gary Small.
- b. Commercial harvester license sales and fees
- c. Earl proposed removal of the license fee listing from the ordinance for ease of adjusting annual cost per license when necessary. Gary 2nd the motion, motion approved.
- d. Loring made motion to include a senior commercial harvester license to the ordinance. Motion 2nd, approved by Gary Small. The intent of adding a senior commercial license category is to provide Eastport residents 60 years of age and older better probability of securing a commercial harvester license.
- e. Commercial licenses of each category to be sold prior to licenses going on sale, and to present the number and fee amount to the City Council no later than 30 days prior to publishing the sale date.

Old Business Discussed:

- a. Reiterated importance of having shellfish ordinance amendments in place prior to next issuance. Specifically adding junior commercial license opportunity for students in good standing and increasing all commercial license fees to keep up adequate shellfish warden patrols.
- b. Shellfish warden retention. Ordinance enforcement funding and challenges.
- c. Providing clarification on ordinance change proposals to the City Council during the upcoming public hearing.
- d. Shellfish predation (green crabs and moon snails)

New Business Discussed:

- a. Shellfish committee membership since the committee chair, Mr. Bobby Cummins stepped down from being part of the committee in June. Unanimous motions made for approval of Loring Small to take over as Chair, Gary Small as Vice Chair and Earl Small as Secretary. Motion made by Gary Small for William Urquhart to join the committee. Motion 2nd approved by Earl Small.
- b. Upon City Council's approval and public hearing of ordinance amendments, follow up with the DMR for final approval.

Next Meeting Scheduled: TBD

Adjournment: 6:54 PM